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AN ACT for the offices of Custos rotulorum and clerkes of the peace.

WHere before this time the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, hath by reason of his office of the Chauncellourshyp, the nominacion and appoyntment of the Custos rotulorum within all and euery shire of this realme of Englande, wales and other the kynges dominions, marches, & territories of the same, and that in lyke maner all and euery person, which had had and enioyed the saied office of the Custos rotulorum, hath had until now of late the nominacion and appoyntment of the clerke of the peace within suche shyres where he or they had and enioyed the said office of the Custos rotulorum: And where now of late dyuers and sundry persons within this realme, beyng not learned nor yet mete meanable for lacke of knowlage and learnyng, to occupie and exercise the saied offices of the Custos rotulorum, and of the clerkeshyp of the peace, haue of late peres by labour, frendeshyp and meanes atteyned and gotten for terme of their lyues of the kynges maiestie, seuerall grantes by his highnesse letters patentes to them made of the said clerkeshyps of the peace: By reason wherof, and for that the parties, to whom the saied seuerall graunted haue ben so made and granted, haue not ben sufficiently lerned to exercise and occupie the same office and offices, many and sundry inditementes as well of felony murder and other offences and misdemeanours, and the processe awarded vpon the same inditementes, haue not only ben by reason therof made clerely frustrate and voyde, sometyme by reason of the negligent ingrossyng and keppyng of the saied inditementes, and sometime by reason of the imbeselyng or rasure of the same inditementes, but also dyuers and sundry bargaynes and sales of dyuers and sundry manours landes tenementes had and made betwene partie and partie, haue ben made frustrate and voyde, for lacke of sufficient enrolment of the same bargaynes and sales to be had and made by the clerkes of the peace, to the great hinderance of iustice, and to the disinheritance of diuers of the kynges most louyng subiectes.

For reformacion wherof, and to thentent that iustice maie bee the better hereafter preserued, and that the same offices maie hereafter be occupied and exercised by suche persons, lerned in the lawes of this realme, as shalbe able to exercise and supplie the same: Be it enacted by the kyng our souerayngne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that no person or persons shall from henceforth be nominated and appoynted to the saied office and offices of the Custos rotulorum within any shire of this realme of Englande wales and other the kynges dominions marches or territories of the same, but suche as shall haue a bill signed with the kynges hande for the same, whiche bill signed

shalbe a sufficient warrant by the auctoritee abouesaied, to the saied lorde chauncellour of Englande, and lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beyng, to make from tyme to tyme commission and cõmissions, assignyng and auctorisyng therby the same person to be Custos rotulorum, vntyll the kyng hath by an other bill assigned with his owne hande, appointed and ordeined one other person to haue occupie and exercise the same office of the Custos rotulorum: and that the saied person appointed and assigned to be Custos rotulorum, as is abouesaied, shall and maie occupie exercise and enioye the same office of the Custos rotulorum, by hym selfe or by his sufficient deputie, lerned in the lawes of this realme, and mete and able to supplie the saied office, accordyng to the tenour of the saied grant or commission.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament that euery Custos rotulorum for the tyme beyng, shall at all tymes hereafter in euery shyre of this realme, wales, and other the kynges dominions marches and territories of the same, nominate elect appoint and assigne all and euery person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be clerkes of the peace within any of the saied shires of this realme of Englande, wales and other the kynges dominions marches and territories of the same, and to geue and graunt the same office and offices of the clerkeship of the peace to suche able person instructed in the lawes of this realme, as shall be able to exercise and occupie the same, to holde and enioy the same, duryng the tyme that the saied Custos rotulorum shall occupie and exercise the saied office of Custos rotulorum: so that the saied clerke demeane hym in the saied office iustly and honestly: And that it shall be lefull to euery suche grauntees of the saied clerkeshyp to occupie and enioy the same office of the clerkeshyp of the peace by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, instructed in the lawes of this realme, so that the same deputie be admitted taken and reputed by the saied Custos rotulorum, to be sufficient and able to exercise occupy kepe and enioy the same office of the clerkeshyp of the peace.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritee abouesaied, that all suche as now haue any of the saied offices of Custos rotulorum, or clerkeshyp of the peace, by the kynges letters patentes or commission to them made, shall and maie enioye haue and exercise their saied offices, by vertue of the same letters patentes or cõmission by theim selfe or by theyr sufficient and able deputie, instructed in the lawes of this realme: Any thyng in this present act had or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by auctoritee abouesaid, that the archebyshop of Yorke, the byshop of Durham, the byshop of Ely, and euery of their successours, and all and euery suche persone and persones, corporacions and bodies corporated, to whom the kynges maiestee, or any of his noble progenitours by his or their letters patentes, haue geuen and graunted

granted any libertee and auctoritee, or otherwise haue auctoritee by other lawfull meanes or wates to ordeyne make and constitute any of the saied officers of Custos rotulorum or clerke of the peace within any counterpa lantine or other place, shal and male haue and enioy the same libertee and auctoritee, accordyng as they haue had and enioyed the same: any thyng in this present act had or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶An act for the partition of Hounsloo heath. Cap. ii.

Where the kynges maiestee is at this present seysed of one estate of inheritance of the wast grounde and soyle, commonly called Hounsloo heath, conteinyng in it selfe, foure thousande two hundreth foure score thirtene acres and one rodde, lyng and extendyng into the fieldes paryshes and hamlettes of Istelworth, Brainford end, Twikenham, Heston, Feltham, Harlyngton, Craynefield, Harmondelsworth, Stanwell, Hanworth, Bedfounte, Hampton, Hounsloo, and Todyngton, in his graces countie of Midd. His hyghnesse most prudently consyderyng, that as the barrennesse and infertilitee thereof by want of dilygence and industrie of men necessarily required for the amendemente or mayntenaunce of any grounde, that shall bryng forth his fruite, bredeth as well scarsitee and lacke of all maner of graine grasse woodde and other necessary thynges amonges his graces subiectes the inhabitauntes of the saied paryshes, as also is the very originall mother and continuall nurse of derth of thynges amonges his people dwellyng in the confines of the same: Euen so the conuersion therof into tyllage and seuerall pasture, by mens labour and peines, besides that it shalbe an exile of idlenesse in those parties, must of necessitee cause and bryng forth to all his saied subiectes plentie and abundaunce of all the thynges aboue remembred. And all be it his highnesse might iustly by the auncient lawes of this his realme approue to his owne peculiar profit and aduauntage a great part of the same waste and heath, neuertheless his maiestee most graciously tenderyng more the common weale of his subiectes there, than the aduauncement of his owne commoditee, hath not al onely all ready to his great costes and charges caused diuerse of his councell, and other of his officers and ministers, by vertue of his graces commission in that behalfe to them directed, to repaire thither, to view suruete and consider the saied wast and heath, and therevpon to assigne out by metes and boundes to euery of the saied paryshes, a conuenient part and portion of the same, and out of those partes and portions by lotte to appoynt in seueraltee to euery inhabitant within the saied paryshes and hamelettes, suche quantitee of the saied heath, as by the discretion of the saied commissioners was thought mete and conuenient, hauyng a speciall regarde to the noumbre of the inhabitauntes in euery paryshe, and to the nombre of acres of heath

limitted to euery of the saied hamlettes and parisches, but also is contented and pleased at the humble petition and suite of his saied subiectes, to whom and their posteritee the commoditee therof shal specially redounde, that it be enacted by his highnes, as hereafter ensueth.

Wherfore be it ordeyned enacted and established by the kynge, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that suche part and so muche of the saied wast and heath, whereof his grace is now seased, or at any tyme hereafter shall be seased of one estate of inheritaunce, as shall be at any tyme hereafter by his graces commissioners or fower of them heretofore named, or hereafter to be named, certified vnder their handes and seales, into his highnes court of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, to be mete and conuenient to be conuerted vsed or occupied into tyllage pasture meadow or other seuerall grounde, shal from henseforth immediately bee and remayne perpetually copihold land, and shalbe demed and adiudged of the nature qualitee and condicion of copiholde lande to all intentes constructions and purposes. And that euery tenaunt inhabitant resiaunt and other their heires successours and assignes, and the heires successours and assygnes of euery of them, shall haue and enioye suche right title interest possession remaynder and reuercion of and in the porcion and part of the saied wast and heath, to theim or any of theim by the saied commissioners assigned or to be assigned, as shall be by the saied commissioners, or fower of theim at the least by copy to them or any of them to be had and made, declared or expressed, and the same shall be certified into the saied court of augmentacions, vnder their handes and seales.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee afore saied, that all and euery tenaunt inhabitaunte and resiaunt, and other aboue remembred, shall immediately after certificate made (as is aforesaied) be demed adiudged and taken to be tenaunt by copy of court roll of the part and porcion to theim or any of theim (as is aforesaied) allotted and graunted by copy of court roll, to suche manour or lordeshyp beyng within the saied parisches and hamelettes, or any of theim, as the saied commissioners, or fower of them at the least vpon the saied certificate, shall vnder their handes and seales assigne and appoynt them or any of them vnto, and accordyng to the tenoure of the copy of court roll to him or theim made of the same. And that after assignement and certificate made (as is afore saied) the same partes and porcions shall be taken had and reputed to all intentes perpetually, as onely membres and parcelles of the manour or lordshippe, where vnto they are so appoynted and assigned. And that the stewarde for the tyme beyng of any suche manours or lordeshippes, whereunto any part or porcion of the saied heath or waste shall be, by the saied commissioners or foure of theim, assygned vnto, shall after certificat therof (as is afore saied) haue full power and auctoritee from tyme to time as

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the cause shall iustly require, to let and graunt the same by copie of court roll, to any person or persons, to holde the same partes and portions, accordyng to the estate and interestes prescribed in their copies, at the wyll of the lorde, accordyng to the custome of the manour or lordeshyp, whervnto the saied partes and portions are (as is abouesaied) assigned or appoynted to appertayne. And also that al customes vsages condicions and ordinances, whiche the saied commissioners, or foure of them at the least, shal at any tyme hereafter prescribe ordre decree or make concernyng any part or parcell of the saied wast or heath, shalbe as good tyme and stable in the law, beyng certified vnder the handes and seales of the saied commissioners, or foure of them at the least, into the saied court (as is aforesaied) to all purposes and effectes, as if they and euery of them were particularly recited and enacted by auctoritee of this parliament.

Prouided alwaies, that if any suche person or persons, to whom any part of the saied wast and heath shall be allotted, doe other refuse to take by copie of court rolle the parte and portion to hym allotted assygned or letten, or to be allotted assigned or letten, as is aforesaied, or elles refuse to conuert his saied part or portion into tillage or pasture, and in suche sort to improue the same, within suche tyme as to hym or them shalbe prescribed or assigned by the saied cõmissioners, or foure of them at the least: that than suche person and persons, as be or shall be tenaunt for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeres or at will, of suche mese cotage or lande, in respect wherof the saied part and portion is or shall be allotted or assigned, shall and maie take haue and receiue of the saied stewardes the saied part and portion of the saied wast, to holde at the will of the lorde after the custome of the saied manour or lordeshyppe, for terme of twenty one yeres, the remaynder therof, after the ende and determinacion of the saied lease of .xxi. yeres to the owner of the saied mese cotage or landes: to holde to hym his heires and assygnes at the wyll of the lorde, after the custome of the saied manour.

And be it further enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if the saied lessee refuse that to take (as is abouesaied) that than any other the kynges subiectes borne vnder his gracis obedience, shall and maie take haue and receiue the same part and portion of the saied waste (as is abouesaied) for terme of .xxi. yeres, with lyke remaynder to the saied owner, as is abouesaied.

Prouided also, that all and euery suche lessee for terme of .xxi. yeres (as is abouesaied) shall and maie improue the saied part and portion of the saied wast and heath to hym letten by copie of courte rolle, duryng the saied .xxi. yeres, without any interrupcion of any owner of any suche mese cotage or land, any surrendre discharge determinacion or forfayture of his or theyr interest estates or termes of and in any suche mese cotage or lande not withstandyng.

AN ACT for the amendyng of the high waie beside Chester, called Huntyngton lane. Cap. iii.



Where as the kynges maiestees hygh waie adioynyng to the citee of Chester, called Huntyngton lane, by the space of two miles and an halfe in length, or therabouts, was of late depe daungerous and sore for any of the kynges subiectes to trauaile other on foote or on horsebacke, with waine or other cartage, and specially in the winter season: whiche waie is now well amended and repaired, so that the kynges subiectes maie easily passe and repasse through the saied hygh waie, towarde and from the saied citee of Chester. And for as muche as the saied hygh waie can not alwaies so continue in sufficient amendement, without the same be continually loked vnto and repayred: For the continuall mayntenance wherof, it maie please the kynges highnesse, that it maie be enacted by his highnesse, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that from hensforth it shall be lefull for syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley knightes, & the heires males of their two bodies laufully begotten, beynge of full age, and for lacke of suche heires males, or in default of theim or either of them, or suche heires males beyng of full age, that it shal be lefull for the mayre and the aldermen of the saied citie of Chester, and their successours for euer, to name and appoynt any person or persones to sustayne amende and repayre the saied high waie from tyme to tyme whan and as often as nede shall require, if the same person or persons will thervnto agree. And the saied person or persons so named and appoynted by the saied syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley, or their heyres males in fourme aboue saied, or for defaut of suche issue, by the saied maire and aldermen, or their successours of the saied citee of Chester, to haue free libertee duryng their tyme, to buylde one house or cotage within the saied high way in some conuenient place, and in the same the saied person to inhabite and dwell: and suche persone or persones so attendyng the reparacions of the saied high waie, shall haue also grasse pasture or feedyng for fiue kyne, or fiue other head of cattall in and vpon the saied high waie, and vpon the sides of the same, as farre as the saied high waie doeth extende, that is to witte, from a place called the Bothill, to a place called Butterbache bridge, cõteining by estimacion the space of the saied two myles and a halfe.

And further be it enacted, that if it fortune any suche person or persones as shall hereafter from tyme to tyme be named and appointed in maner and fourme aforesaied, for and concernyng the sustentacion and amendment of the saied high waie, to be remisse or negligent in amendyng any part therof whan nede shall require, that than and from thensefoorth it shall be lefull vnto the saied syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley and theyr heyres males in fourme aforesaied, and in defaut of them or theyr

or theyr heyres males, in fourme aforesaied, that it male in like maner be lefull vnto the saied maire and aldermen aforesaid, and their successours, to discharge and put from the saied house pasture and fedyng euery suche person or persons, as so shall be negligent or remisse, and to assygne and put in his place one other person sufficiently to serue for the amendyng of the saied wate, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of this statute.

AN ACT that all colleges, chauntries, frechapels &c. shall be in the kynges maiesties disposicion. Cap. iiij.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your royal maiestee your louyng subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where there haue ben dyuers colleges, freechapels, chauntries, hospitalles, fraternitees, brotherheddes, guyldes, and stipendarie priestes, hauyng perpetuitee for euer within this your realme of Englande, Wales, and the marches of the same: of whiche, some of them by the licence of your gracious highnesse, or of your noble progenitours, and some of theim by feoffementes and willes therupon declared, and some of theim by other deuises conueiaunce and assurraunce, haue ben incorporated established founded erected had or made by diuers names surnames degrees and incorporacions, to haue had a perpetuall continuance for euer: sythens whiche tyme dyuers and many of the donours founders or patrons, or suche as pretend to be donours founders or patrons of the same colleges frechapelles chauntries hospitals fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and stipendarie priestes, and diuers other, of their auaricious and couetous myndes, and of their owne auctoritee without your gracious licence, haue of late entered into the mansion houses manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, to the same colleges frechapelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and stipendarie priestes belongyng and appertenyng, and haue expulsed the priestes wardeyns maysters myniters rulers gouernours and incumbentes of the same, out and from the possession therof, and they their heires and assignes doe occupie and enioy the saied mansion houses manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and doe receiue take emploie and conuert the rentes issues reuenues and profites of the same to their owne proper vses. And some of the saied priestes wardeyns maysters ministers rulers gouernours and incumbentes of the premisses, by couyn betwene them and the patrons donours or founders of the same, or of suche as pretende to be patrons donours or founders of the same or other, haue also of their owne auctoritee without your gracis licence, bargayned and solde all or part of their manours landes and tenementes annexed vnited pertenyng or belongyng to their saied colleges freechappelles chauntries hospitalles and other the saied promocions: And some

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of the saied p̄ystes wardens maisters ministers rulers gouernours and incumbentes by the assent and consent of they͛ patrones donours founders o͛ suche other as haue had interest in the same: and some of the saied p̄ystes rulers gouernours and incumbentes, of their owne auctoritee, without the assent of their patrons, donours, o͛ founders, o͛ of suche other as haue had interest in the same, haue now of late made leases fo͛ terme of lyfe o͛ liues, o͛ fo͛ terme of yeres of their saied freechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees brotherheddes guyldes o͛ other the saied p̄mocions, o͛ of the manours, landes, tenementes, and other the p̄emisses, o͛ of part therof, and haue not reserued the accustomable rent and ferme, that the same hath ben vsed to be letten fo͛. And some of them by coyn haue suffered recoueries, leuied fynes, and made feoffementes, and other conueiances of all o͛ part of their saied possessions: by reason wherof diuers of the saied freechapelles chauntries hospitalles and other p̄mocions aboue saied, haue clerely dissolued extincted o͛ determined, contrary to the willes myndes intētes and purposes of the foūders donours o͛ patrons of the same, and to the great contempt of your maiestee, and of your auctoritee royall. And we your graicis most louyng humble and obedient subiectes ryght well knowyng and perceiuyng the exceedyng great and inestimable charges costes and expences, whiche your maiestee hath had and susteined, and dayly doeth susteyne, as well fo͛ the mayntenance of these p̄sent warres against the realmes of Fraunce and Scotlande, and fo͛ the p̄seruacion and defence of vs your saied subiectes, against the inuasions and malice of your enemies the Frenchemen and Scottes (who daily do studie deuise and attempt to greue annoy and hurt your saied louyng subiectes) as also fo͛ the mayntenaunce of your most royall estate honour dignitee and estimacion, which all your saied louyng subiectes of naturall duitie ben bounde to conserue and increase by all suche waies and meanes as they can deuise: doo therfo͛e with our wholle voyce peticion and intercession most humbly beseche your maiestee, that it maie be enacted o͛deyned and establysshed by your byghnesse, with the assent of the lo͛des spiritual and temp o͛all, and the commons in this p̄sent parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme folowyng, that is to saie:

Be it enacted by the kynge our souerayne lo͛de, with the assent of the lo͛des spirituall and temp o͛all, and of the commons in this p̄sent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that all and syngular the saied colleges freechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternytees brotherheddes guildes and other the saied p̄mocions had o͛ made to haue continuaunce in perpetuitee fo͛ euer, and beyng, o͛ that hath o͛ ought to be contributo͛ie o͛ chargeable to the paiment of the first fruites and tenthes, acco͛dyng to the lawes and statutes in that behalfe had and made, by what name surname degree o͛ co͛po͛acion they o͛ any of them were founded o͛deyned establisshed erected named called o͛ knowen, and

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all and ſingular the manciõn houſes manoꝛs oꝛchardes gardeins landes tenementes paſtures woodes waters rentes reuercions ſeruices cõmons tithes pencions poꝛcions churches chappels aduouſons nominacions patronages annuitees rightes intereſtes entrees condicions leetes courtes libertees pꝛiuileges francheſes & other hereditamentes what ſo euer they be. appertεynyng oꝛ belongyng, oꝛ that did appertεyne oꝛ belong, oꝛ were aſſigned oꝛ appointed to any ſuche college freechapell chauntrie hoſpitall fraternitee bꝛotherhed guylde ſtipendary pꝛieſt oꝛ other the ſaied pꝛomocions, oꝛ to any of them, oꝛ accepted knowen oꝛ taken as part parcell oꝛ membꝛe of them oꝛ of any of them, and to the ſaid colleges chauntries frechappelles hoſpitalles fraternitee bꝛotherhed guylde ſtipendarie pꝛieſtes oꝛ other pꝛomocions, oꝛ to any of them vnited oꝛ annexed, whiche betwene the .iiii. daie of Febꝛuary, in the .xxbii. yere of the reygne of our ſaied ſoueraygne loꝛde the kynge, and the .xxb. daie of Decembꝛe, in the .xxxbii. yere of the ſaied kynges reygne, by reaſon of any ſuche entree expulſion bargayne ſale feoffement fyne recouerie leaſe oꝛ other conueiance therof had oꝛ made, ben diſſolued determined relynquiſhed oꝛ extynct by any of the waies meanes oꝛ conueiaunces aforeſaied, oꝛ other wyſe, other than ſuche of them, as now be oꝛ were in the poſſeſſion of our ſaied ſoueraygne loꝛde the kynge, oꝛ that ben graunted oꝛ aſſured by his hyghneſſe licence agreement conſent oꝛ letters patentes to any other perſon oꝛ perſones, oꝛ haue been lawfully obteyned oꝛ recouered by any perſone by any foꝛmer right oꝛ title, without fraude oꝛ couyn, oꝛ by the kynges licence, ſhall from henſeforth (by auctoꝛitee of this act) be adiudged and demed, and alſo be in the very actuall and real poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛd, and of his heires and ſucceſſours foꝛ euer, in as large and ample maner as the ſaied pꝛieſtes wardeyns mayſters miniſters gouernours rulers oꝛ other incũbentes, oꝛ any of them, oꝛ the patrons donours oꝛ founders of theim oꝛ of any of theim at any tyme ſithens the ſaied .iiii. daie of Febꝛuary in the .xxbii. yere aforeſaied, had occupied oꝛ enioyed, oꝛ now hath occupieth oꝛ enioyeth the ſame, and as though all and ſyngulat the ſaied colleges chaũtries hoſpitalles frechappelles fraternitees bꝛotherheddes guyldes and other the ſaied pꝛomocions, and the ſaid manours landes tenemeetes hereditamentes and other the pꝛemiſſes what ſo euer they be, and euery of them, were in this pꝛeſent acte ſpecyally particularly and certainely reherſed named and expꝛeſſed by expꝛeſſe woꝛdes names ſurnames coꝛpoꝛacions titles and faculties, and in their natures kyndes and qualities, the ſaied entrees expulſions bargaines ſales fines feoffementes recoueries oꝛ other aſſuraunce and couneiaunce, what ſo euer they be had oꝛ made (except before excepted) to the contrary not withſtandynge.

And be it further enacted by the auctoꝛitee aforeſaied, that all couenantes bondes and grauntes of any rent oꝛ annuitee, made by any perſon oꝛ perſons to any chauntrie pꝛieſt oꝛ other, hauyng any of the ſaied pꝛomocions,

mocions, for or in consideracion of any bargayne graunt or other assurraunce, made of any of the saied promocions, or any part of theim, shall be voide and frustrate.

And ouer that it is ordeyned and enacted, by thauctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery person and persons, beyng in life, whiche haue or hath for any summe of money to him or them paied, bargeined or solde any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, that dyd belonge or apperteyne to any of the saied colleges chauntries freechappelles hospytalles fraternitees guyldes or other promocions afore saied dissolued relinquished or determined after the saied. iiii. daie of Februarv, as is aboue saied, shall repaie to suche person as so bought any of the saied manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, or to his executours, or assignes vpon a request therfore made, as muche money as he or they receyued for the sale of the thyng so by him or them sold, and for none paiement therof suche person and persons as purchased or bought the saied landes tenementes and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, shall be enabled by thauctoritee aforesaied, to sue and mainteine an action of debt at the common lawes of this realme, against suche person or persons as so bargeyned or solde to him or theim, or to their testatour, any of the premisses belongyng to any college chauntrie freechappel hospital fraternitee guild or other promocion aforesaied, in whiche action of debt none essoyne protection or wager of law shall be admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aboue saied, that all and euery gyftes grauntes surrendres, and all and euery other assuraunces, had made or done to the kinges highnes of any of the saied colleges chantries and other the saied promocions, or of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes to any of them annexed vnited or belongyng, at any tyme betwene the saied. iiii. daie of Februarie, in the said. xxvii. yere of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, and the saied. xxv. daie of Decembre, in the. xxxvii. yere of his most gracious reygne, shalbe by the saied auctoritee taken iudged and deined good and perfect to all intentes constructions and purposes, as well agaynst the saied chauntrie priestes masters wardeyns ministers gouernours rulers and other haupng any other the saied promocions their successours and assignes, and the successours and assignes of euery of them, as agaynst al and euery founder donour and patron therof and euery of them, and the heires and successours of them, and of euery of them.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that al and euery letters patentes made by the kynges hyghnesse to any personne or persons of any of the saied colleges chauntries guildes fraternities or other the saied promocions, or of any part or parcell of the saied colleges chantries hospitals guildes fraternitees brotherheddes or other the said promocions; And that al fines feffementes recoueries and all other assurances and

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And where also at this present tyme there been a great noumbre of chauntries hospitals colleges freechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and stipendaries priestes, hauyng perpetuitee for euer and beyng charged or chargeable to the paiement of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, accordyng to the statute in that behalfe had and prouided, and all colleges as well chargeable or not chargeable to the paiement of the first fruites and tenthes, and sette lyyng and beyng within this realme of Englande wales and other the kynges dominions or the marches of the same, hauyng diuers manours landes tenementes possessions and other hereditamentes to the same assigned appoynted limitted vnited or annexed by the patrons donours or founders of them, whiche haue been established ordeyned founded had or made by the saied patrons donours or founders for euer, to thentent that almesse to the poore people, and other good vertuous and charitable dedes mought bee made doone and executed by the wardeins maisters ministers gouernours brothers and incumbentes of the same. And for so muche as it is ryght well knowen, that the saied gouernours wardens maisters ministers brothers and incumbentes, or the greattest nombre of them hitherto, haue not nor yet doo vse exercise order and rule their saied chauntries hospitalles colleges frechapels and other the saied promocions, nor the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the same belongyng, ne yet do bestow expende and emploie the issues rentes reuenues and profittes of the same in almesse and other dedes of charitee accordyng to suche vertuouse and godly intentes and purposes, as the saied chauntries freechappelles colleges hospitalles and other the saied promocions were first founded established erected ordeined had made or incorporated, to the great displeasure of almighty god, and to the discontentacion of the kyng our souereigne lorde. And for that that the kynges hyghnesse, of his moste godly and blessed disposicion enten-

deth to haue the premisses vsed and exercised to more godly and vertuous purposes, and to reduce and bryng them into a more decent and conuenient order for the commoditee and welth of this his realme, and for the suertee of his subiectes of the same.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the kynges maiestee shall and maie at his hyghnesse will and pleasure from tyme to tyme hereafter, duryng his naturall life (whiche almighty god longe preserue) make and direct his graces commission or commissions vnder his great seale (euery suche commission to be had and made vpon a warraunt signed with his graces hande) to suche noumbre of persons, and into suche counties shires and places, as by his highnesse shall be thought expedient and requisite, geuyng vnto the saied commissioners, or to two of theim at the least, full power and auctoritee, by vertue of the same commission or commissions, for and in his hyghnesse name, to enter into all and singular suche and so many chauntries freechappelles hospitalles colleges and other the saied promocions, and into al and singular suche manours mansion houses meses landes tenementes pastures woodes waters rentes reuersions seruices possessions and other hereditamentes, what so euer they ben, or into any part or parcell therof, for and in the name seasin and possession of all the hereditamentes annexed vnited belongyng or appertenyng to any chauntrie hospitall frechapell college fraternitee brotherhed guylde or any other the saied promocions, or wherof any prieistes prouostes gouernours rulers or other incumbentes of theim or of any of theim, by what name surname degree title or incorporacion they and euery of them or any of them ben founded erected ordeyned establisshed named called or knowen, now hath or enioyeth, or hereafter shall haue and entoye, to the saied chauntries hospitalles frechappelles colleges fraternitees brotherheddes guildes or other the saied promocions, beyng chargeable to the paiementes of the first fruites and tenthes, and all colleges chargeable or not chargeable to the saied paiement of first fruites and tenthes (as is aforesaied) or to any of them, as shall be named expressed and appoynted in the saied commission or cõmissions, and to seise and take the same chantries hospitalles colleges freechapelles fraternitees brotherheddes guyldes and other the saied promocions manours landes tenementes and other the premisses mencioned in the saied commission and cõmissions and in euery of them, and euery part parcell and membre of the same, into the kynges possession and handes: To haue and to holde the same to the kinges highnesse and to his heires and successours for euer. And that the saied commissioners, or two of them at the least, maie entre into any part or parcel of the saied chauntries hospitals frechappelles colleges and other the saied promocions, manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any suche commission, for and in the name of all the chauntries colleges frechappelles and other the saied promocions manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes what so euer they be, annexed vnited

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Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the kynges maiestee shall and maie at his highnesse will and pleasure from tyme to tyme hereafter, duryng his naturall life (whiche almighty god longe preserue) make and direct his graces commission or commissions vnder his great seale (euery suche commission to be had and made vpon a warraunt signed with his gracis hande) to suche noumbre of persons, and into suche counties shires and places, as by his highnesse shall be thought expedient and requisite, geuyng vnto the saied commissioners, or to two of theim at the least, full power and auctorite, by vertue of the same commission or commissions, for and in his highnesse name, to enter into all and singular suche and so many chauntries freechappelles hospitalles colleges and other the saied promocions, and into al and singular suche manours mansion houses meses landes tenementes pastures woodes waters rentes reuersions seruices possessions and other hereditamentes, what so euer they ben, or into any part or parcell therof, for and in the name season and possession of all the hereditamentes annexed vnited belongyng or appertaynyng to any chauntrie hospitall frechapell college fraternitee brotherhed guylde or any other the saied promocions, or wherof any priestes pronostes gouernours rulers or other incumbentes of theim or of any of theim, by what name surname degree title or corporacion they and euery of them or any of them ben founded erected ordeyned establisshed named called or knowen, now hath or enioyeth, or hereafter shall haue and enioye, to the saied chauntries hospitalles frechappelles colleges fraternitees brotherheddes guildes or other the saied promocions, beyng chargeable to the paiementes of the first fruites and tenthes, and all colleges chargeable or not chargeable to the saied paiement of first fruites and tenthes (as is aforesaied) or to any of them, as shall be named expressed and appoynted in the saied commission or cõmissions, and to seise and take the same chantries hospitalles colleges freechapelles fraternitees brotherheddes guyldes and other the saied promocions manours landes tenementes and other the premisses mencioned in the saied commission and cõmissions and in euery of them, and euery part parcell and membre of the same, into the kynges possession and handes: To haue and to holde the same to the kinges highnesse and to his heires and successours for euer. And that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least, maie entre into any part or parcel of the saied chauntries hospitals frechappelles colleges and other the saied promocions, manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any suche commission, for and in the name of all the chauntries colleges frechappelles and other the said promocions manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes what so euer they be, annexed vnited

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missions so to theim directed, shall certifie and retourne the saied commis-
sion and commissions, and euery of them (makyng mencion in writyng of
their doynges in the same, according to the wordes and auctoritee to them
geuen by the saied commission) into the kynges court of the chauncerie,
at suche daie as shalbe limitted in the saied commission or commissions,
there to remayne of recorde for euer.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that as well
all and euery the saied chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles and
other the saied promocions, and all the mansion houses manours landes
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shall happen to come to his highnesse handes and possession by any suche
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sions (as is abouesaid) from and after the saied entree seisour and takyng
into his maiesties handes shalbe in the order rule surueie & gouernaunce
of our souerayngne lorde the kynges court of Augmentacions of the re-
uenues of his croune, and to be graunted letten and sette to ferme by the
chauncellour officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner
and fourme as other manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the
saied court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his gracis croune,
ben to be graunted or letten: and that all the fermes issues reuenues and
profittes, comyng and growyng of the premisses, and of euery part ther-
of, shalbe taken and receiued to the kynges vse by the officers and min-
isters of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had
of other manours landes and tenementes, and of the issues reuenues and
profites of the same, committed to the order rule surueie and gouernance
of the saied court of the augmentacions: any act statute ordinaunce cu-
stom or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary not withstādyng.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that all matters
variances demaundes suites contencions and debates to be had or made
of or for any matter or thyng, whereby the manours landes tenementes
and hereditamentes so appoynted to the saied court of the augmentaci-
ons, shall be charged asked demaunded or challenged, to the hurt detri-
ment or preiudice of the kynge, shall be heard examined tried ended and
determined by and in the saied court of Augmentacions in suche forme
maner and condicion as other matters and causes appoynted to the saied
court, be sewed herde examined and determined, or by suche other waies
and meanes, as to the saied court shall seeme conuenient and mete for the

administracion of iustice indifferently betwene the kynges highnesse and his subiectes.

And be it further ordeined and enacted by the saied auctoritee, that al other matters variaunces contencions suites clames and demaundes to be had made or dooen betwene any of the kynges subiectes of for or concernyng the saied manours landes tenementes and other the premisses or any part thereof, or for any trespasse or other offence touchyng the same: shall be sewed asked demaunded tried and determined at and by the common lawes of this realme, and accordyng to the rules orders and iudgement of the common lawes and statutes of this realme, and not in the saied court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges croune: any law statute ordinaunce or other thyng had made or dooen to the contrary not withstandyng, and as though the saied court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges croune had neuer be had ne made.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that all recouerees fines feoffementes and other conueiances to be hereafter had made doone or suffered for or of any estate of inheritance or freeholde, without the kynges maiestees assent consente or agreement, by any of the saied chauntries priestes wardens maisters ministers gouernours rulers or other hauyng any the saied promocions of any the saied chauntries colleges guildes fraternitees hospitals and other the saied promocions, or of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the saied chauntries colleges and other promocions vnited annexed belongyng or appertenyng, or to any part or parcell of them, and beyng not had made done or suffered to the kynges hyghnesse, shall be vtterly voyde frustrate and of none effect, as well agaynst the kynges maiestee as agaynst the successour and successours of euery suche chauntry priest gouernours rulers and other hauyng any of the saied promocions and euery of theim. Sauyng to all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of theim, other then the maisters wardens ministers gouernours rulers priestes and incumbentes of the saied chantries hospitalles colleges free-chappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and other hauyng any of the saied promocions, or any of theim, and the successours of theim and of euery of theim: and other than suche as be or pretende to bee founders patrons or donours of the premisses, or of any of theim, or of any parte or parcell thereof, their heires and successors and the heyres and successors of euery of them: and other than such person and persons and their heires successours and assignes, as clayn or pretend to haue any estate right title interest vse possession or condicion of in or to the premisses, or any part or parcell thereof, by reason of any feoffement fyne bargayne and sale, or by any other males meanes or conueiaunce to them made of any estate of freehold or inheritance without the kynges assent consent or agreement, by any of the saied maisters wardens ministers gouernours rulers

prieſtes and incumbentes, or by the founders donors or patrons of them or of any of theim, all ſuche ryght tytle claime poſſeſſion intereſt rētes annuitees commodities commons offices fees leaſſes liueries liuinges pencions porcions ſynodies proxies dettes duties and other profittes, whiche they or any of theim haue claime ought mate or myght haue had in of or to any of the premiſſes or in of or to any part or parcell thereof, in ſuche like maner and condicion to all intentes reſpectes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made, and as though the ſaied chauntries hoſpitalles colleges and other the ſaid promocions had ſtill continued and remained.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforeſaied, that if any of the ſaid maiſters wardens miniſters rulers gouernors prieſtes incumbentes or owners of any ſuch chauntrie hoſpitall freechappel college fraternitee brotherhed guilde or other the promocions aforeſaid, or of any of theim, within one yere next before the .xxiii. date of Nouembre, in the xxxvii. yere of our ſaied ſoueraygne lorde the kynges reygne, haue made or hereafter ſhall make any leaſe or graunt vnder his or their cōmon ſeale or other ſeale, or otherwiſe for terme of yeres lyfe or lyues of their ſaied chauntries hoſpitalles colleges frechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and other the ſaied promocions, or of any part therof, or of any manours landes tenementes poſſeſſions or hereditamentes, what ſo euer they be, to them or to any of theim vnited or annexed belonging or appertenyng, or to them or any of them limited or appointed, whiche manors meſes landes tenementes poſſeſſions or other hereditamentes what ſo euer they be, were not before the ſaied leaſe for the more part of .xx. yeres laſt paſſed, ſette nor let to fetme but kept and reſerued in the manuraunce tillage or occupacion, or now bee in the manurance tillage or occupacion of the ſaid maiſters wardens miniſters rulers gouernours prieſtes or incumbentes of the premiſſes, for the mayntenance of hoſpitalitee and good houſekepyng: Or within one yere next before the ſaied .xxiii. date of Nouembre, hath made, or hereafter ſhall make any leaſe or graunt for terme of lyues, or for terme of yeres, of any of the ſaied manours meſes landes tenementes poſſeſſions hereditamentes or other the premiſſes, what ſo euer they bee, whereof and in the whiche any eſtate or intereſt for terme of lyfe yere or yeres, at the tyme of makyng any ſuche graunt or leaſe, than had or ſhall haue his beyng and contynuaunce, and than was or ſhall not be determined finiſhed or expired: Or within one yere next before the ſaied xxiii. date of Nouembre, hath made or hereafter done make any leaſe or graunt for terme of life or for terme of yeres of any of the ſaied manours meſes landes tenementes poſſeſſions or otherhereditamentes what ſo euer they be, vpon whiche leaſes and grauntes the vſuall and olde rentes and termes accuſtomed to be yelden and reſerued by the ſpace of .xx. yeres next before the ſaied .xxiii. date of Nouembre, be not or ſhall not be there vpon reſerued and yelden. Or if any of the ſaied prieſtes maſters wardens miniſters

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misters or other the saied gouernours or rulers syth the saied .xxiii. daie of Nouembre, hath made any bargeine or sale of his or their woddes whi-
the wooddes be yet growyng and standyng, that than al and euery suche lease and graunt of any of the premisses, and euery suche bargeyne and sale of wodde or woodes shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwaie and be it further enacted, by the auctoritee afore-
saied, that this act, or any thyng therin conteined, shall not extende to any manours landes tenementes possessions or hereditamētes, which the said maisters wardeines ministers chantrie priestes incumbentes, or other the saied gouernours or rulers of the premisses or of any of theim, hath or is or hereafter shall haue or be possessed or seased of, in fee simple fee taile generall or speciall, for terme of life, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to his or their owne proper vses by inheritaunce or purchas, and not beyng vnited or annexed to his or their saied colleges hospitalles freechappels or other the saied promotions nor to any manours landes tenementes possessions rentes annuitees, or perely pencion or pencions, of any perely summe or summes of money, heretofore geuen or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, to any of the saied maisters wardens ministers chantrie priestes incumbentes gouernours or rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, for terme of life onely, vnder his great seale of England, or vnder the seale of the augmentacion of the reuenues of the kynges croune: but that all and euery the saied maisters wardens ministers chauntrie priestes incumbentis and other the gouernours and rulers aforesaied, and euery of them, shal and maie haue holde possesse enioye and kepe to their owne proper vses all and singular suche manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes rentes annuitees and perely pencions, not beyng annexed or vnited to his or their saied promotions, according to suche interest estate title and inheritance, as they or any of theim hath or shall haue of and in the same: any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary not withstandyng, and as though this act had neuer be had ne made.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that euery of the saied maisters wardens ministers chauntrie priestes incumbentes and other the saied gouernours and rulers, from whom the kynges highnes, by vertue of this act, shall haue take or seise any of his or theyr manours landes tenementes possessions or other hereditamentes by any of the waies or meanes aforesaied, without geuyng or assuryng any recompence for the same, that they and euery of them from thensforth shall perely be defalked abated and allowed out of their perely tenthes hereafter to be paied, and also of their first frutes, as they shal happen hereafter to be due to the kyng in his court of first frutes and tenthes, so much money, and after suche rate and porcion, as the same manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche by auctoritee of this act shall come to the kynges handes and possession by any of the waies or meanes

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afore saied, were assessed valued rated and tared at, in and by the taracion of the tenthes and first fruites now remaynyng of recorde in the said court of fyrst fruites and tenthes by force of the statute thereof made had and prouided.

Prouided alwaie and be it ordeyned by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery persone and persones, that before the makyng of this act, had or enioyed any maner of annuitee or rent, to bee taken or had of any of the saied chantries hospitalles colleges or other promocions aforesaid, shall haue and enioy the same in lyke maner and forme as they shoulde or ought to haue done, if the saied chantries hospitalles colleges and other the saied promocions had still remained and continued in esse and full beyng: any thyng in this act mencioned to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if any person or persons haue iustely and truely, without fraude and couyn, paied or geuen any summes to money of any suche maister warden minister gouernour ruler, or to any other hauyng any of the saied promocions, for the bargayne and sale of any woodes, growyng in and vpon any of the premisses and not yet felled (as is aforesaied) whiche bargaine and sale by this act is made voyde and of none effect, that the same bier, their executours or assignes, vpon request by hym or theim made, to the Chauncellour of the courte of Augmentacions, for the tyme beyng, shalbe wel and truely contented and repaied of and with the kynges tres sore, remaynyng in the handes of the Thesaurour of the said court of Augmentacions, for the tyme beeyng, by the handes of the saied Chauncellour Tresourer, or other officers of the same courte of Augmentacions, within one yere after any such request, and after the dissolucion of the said chauntries colleges hospitalles and other the saied promocions, or after the seuerance of any part of theim: or els the saied bargaynees and byers of the saied woodde, shall haue and enioye, cutte take and carie awaie the same woddes, so beyng by hym or theim bought: any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in anywise not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any suche gouernour ruler wardeyn maister minister or other hauyng any the saied spirituall promocions, haue or shall compounde for their first fruites for any suche spirituall promocions according to the lawes and statutes of this realme: And the daies of paiement of any parte thereof at the entree and seisure thereof, as is aboue saied, shall not than be expired or paste, that all summes of money so to bee paieable at any daie or daies then to come shall ceasse and be not paied asked or demaunded, any bonde recognisance liuerty or other thing had or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted, that all suche rentes serues issues

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profittes and other ſommes of money, due and pateable for any cauſe or mattier concernyng the premiſſes, or any of them, in the kynges court of his eſchequer, ſhall continue, and be continually and yerely leuied charged and paied in the ſame court, in ſuche maner and forme as heretofore haue be vſed: any law cuſtome vnitee of poſſeſſion in the kynges highnes or other thyng to the contrary notwithſtandyng, and as though the ſaied promocions manours landes tenementes and the other premiſſes had not comen to the kynges handes or poſſeſſion.

An act that the inhabitauntes of London, hauyng gooddes to the value of CCCC. markes, maie paſſe in attaintes. Cap. v.

HUmbly beſeechen your moſt excellent maieſtee your obedient ſubiectes, the maire and comminaltee of your citie of London, that where as amonges diuerſe and ſundry libertes and fraunchеſes, graunted by your moſt noble progenitours to the citee of London, for dyuerſe reaſonable reſpectes and conſideracions in their chartres expreſſed and mencioned, one libertee is, that all inquiſicions to be taken by the Juſtices and myniſters of your highneſſe, of the citeſins of London, ſhall be taken at ſainct Martines the Graunde, or at the Guilde hall of the ſaid citee of London, and not els where, Except inquiſicions before the Juſtices in Eyer at the tower of London, and for the deliuerie of the gaole of Newgate, as in the charters of your ſaied noble progenitours, to the ſaid citeſins of London graunted, and by your maieſtee confirmed, playnely appereth. Whiche libertees the ſame citeſins haue contynually, ſyns the ſaied grantes therof to them made, exerciſed vſed and enioyed accordyngly, as by diuerſe matters of recorde in your high courtes at Weſtmynſter euidently appereth. And where alſo an act of parliament, concernyng periurie and puniſhement of vntrue verdictes, was made and eſtabliſhed in the. xxiii. yere of your moſt graciouſe reigne, amonges other than and there made and ordeined, that vpon euery vntrue verdict, made after the ſaied act betwene partee and partee, in any ſuyte playnt or demaunde made, and verdict therupon geuen, extendyng to the value of forty pounds, and not concernyng the ieopardy of mans life, the partee greued by the ſame verdict, ſhall haue a writte of Atteinct agaynſt euery perſone, which after the ſaied act woulde geue an vntrue verdict, And that in the ſaied Atteint there ſhoulde be awarded againſt the petite Jurie, the partie, and the graunde Jurie proceſſe of Sum̃ons Reſum̃ons and Diſtreſſe infinite: whiche graunde Jurie ſhoulde bee in like nombre, as the graunde Jurie is now in Atteinct, and that euery of theim that ſhall paſſe in the ſame, ſhal haue landes and tenementes, to the value of twenty markes by yere of freeholde out of auncient demeane. And alſo it was than further enacted, and eſtabliſhed, that all atteintes afterwardes to be take, ſhoulde

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be taken before your maiestee in your benche, or afore your Justices of your common place, and in none other court: And that the Nisi prius shalbe graunted by the discrecion of the Justices vpon the disstresse.

And for as muche as the saied act can not be duely put in execucion by the citesins of the saied citee for lacke of suffient persons, hauyng landes and tenementes to the clere yerely value of .xx. markes out of auncient demeane, accordyng to the tenour of the saied act, and also that the apparance of the said citesins, to be had out of the saied citee, is against the libertees and frauncheses of the same citee, and no prouiso made within the saied act for the same citesens to enioye their auncient libertees and priuileges before rehersed, It maie therefore please your maiestee, of your most aboundant grace, to condescende, that it maie bee enacted by your highnesse, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all and euery maner person and persons, beyng Citesins of your saied citee and beeyng in value of gooddes and cattalles to the summe of .CCCC. markes maie be impanelled and returned, by the Shiriffes of your said citee in euery Atteinct hereafter to be brought by vertue of the saied estatute, vpon verdictes hereafter to be geuen by your saied citesins, without any challenge for the insufficiency of freeholde of any of them, to be made by any of the saied parties in any suche Atteinct, vpon suche verdictes hereafter to be geuen. And that the Justices for the tyme beyng, shall sitte onely at the Guylde hal of the same citee, or at some other conuenient place within the same citie, and there to swere the graund Jurie, and to take the verdictes in suche Atteinctes hereafter to be taken. And that the saied citesins hereafter to be compelled nor distreigned to appere in any such Atteinct, hereafter to be taken vpon any vntrue verdict, geuen or hereafter to be geuen in London, but onely within the limittes of the saied citee, of and for the triall of the same: The said former act, or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

¶ An act agaynst burnyng of frames. Capi. vi.

Where diuers and sundrie malicious and enuious persones, beyng men of euil and peruerse dispositions, and seduced by the instigacion of the deuil, and minding the hurt vndoing and impouerishment of diuers of the kinges true and feithfull subiectes, as enemie to the common wealth of this realme, and as no tru or obediēt subiectes vnto the kynges maiestee, of their malicious and wycked myndes, haue of late inuented and practised a new damnable kind of vice displeasure and dampnifyng of the kynges true subiectes and the common welth of this reame as in secrete burnyng of frames of tymber prepared and made by the owners therof redie to be sette vp and edified for houses cuttyng out of hedes and

des and dampnes of pooles motes stewes and seuerall waters, cuttyng of cunduit heddes or cunduit pipes, burnyng of waines and cartes loden with coles or other goodes, burnyng of heapes of wodde, cutte felled and prepared for makyng of coles, cuttyng out of beastes tonges, cuttyng of the eares of the kynges subiectes, barkyng of appul trees peare trees and other fruite trees, and diuers other lyke kyndes of miserable offences, to the great displeasure of almighty God, and of the kinges maiestee, and to the moste euill and perniciouse exaumple, that hath ben seen in this realme. For remedy wherof be it enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the first date of Maie next enluyng, maliciously, vnlawfully, willyngly and secretly burne or cause to be burned, cutte or cause to be cutte or distroied any frame or frames of tymber of any other person or persons, made and prepared, or hereafter to be made or prepared, for or towardes the makyng of any house or houses so that the same shal not be hable for the purpose, for the which it was prepared: that than euery suche act and actes so to be committed perpetrated and done by any person or persons, shall be demed and adiudged felony: and the offendour or offendours therein, beyng lawfully conuicted or attainted, shall haue and suffre paynes of death, and shall lose and forfayte goodes and cattalles for euer, and the profittes of their landes tenementes and hereditamentes for terme of his or their liues.

Prouided alwaies, that suche atteynder shall be no anoydyng of any womans dower, ne corruption of blooode against the heire or heyres of suche offendour or offendours: but be it enacted, that the wife and wyfes of suche offendour or offendours shall haue their dowers: and that suche heire and heires shal after the decease of the saied offendour haue and enioye the saied landes tenementes and hereditamentes of such offendour and offendours, in like maner and forme, as thei shoulde haue had, if this act, or any suche atteinder had neuer be had ne made. And that the heyer or heyres, hauyng the saied landes tenementes or hereditamentes of any estate of inheritaunce, shall yelde vnto the partie grieued for suche offence or offences his damages of the profittes of the saied landes tenementes or hereditamentes of suche offendour or offendours, wherevnto he shall bee inheritable by action of debt, to bee taken in the common benche at westminster, in whiche action no wager of law essoyne ne protection shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any persone or persons, after the saied first date of Maie, maliciously willfully and vnlawfully cutte, or cause to be cut out the hedde or heddes dampne or dampnes of any pondes pooles motes stewes or other seuerall waters, or the hed or heddes, pipe or pipes of any conduite or conduites of any other person or persons: or maliciously willyngly and vnlawfully, after the saied first date of Maie, burne or cause to be burned, any waine or waines, cart or cartes laden or to bee laden with coles, or any other goodes

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or marchandises of any other person or persons, or maliciously willyngly and vnlaufully, after the saied first date of Maie, do burne or cause to be burned any heape or heapes of wodde of any other person or persones, prepared cutte and felled, or to be prepared cutte or felled, for makyng of coles hyllettes or tall wodde: or maliciously vnlawfully and willyngly, after the said first date of Maie, cutte out or cause to be cut out the tunge or tonges of any tame beast or beastes, of any other person or persons, the saied beast than beyng in lyfe: or maliciously willyngly or vnlawfully after the saied first date of Maie, cutte or cause to be cutte of the eare or eares of any of the kynges subiectes, other wyse then by auctoritee of the law, chaunce medley, sodeyne affraie, or aduenture: or after the saied date maliciously willingly or vnlawfully barke any apul trees pere trees or other fruite trees of any other person or persons: that then euery suche offendour and offendours, shall not onely lose and forfaite vnto the partie grieued treble damages for suche offence or offences, the same to be recouered by action of trespas, to be taken at the common law, but also shal lose and forfaite to the kynges maiestee and his heyres, for euery suche offence, ten poundes sterlynges in name of a fine.

An act for abrogacion of fyre wiches session. Cap. vii.

Where in the parliament begun at westminster, the .xvi. date of Januarie, in the .xxxiii. yere of the kynges, maiesties reygne, it was enacted amongest other thynges, that all and singular the iustices of peace, within any shire citee borough or place within this realme of Englande wales or any other the kynges dominions, shoulde yerely at the generall sessions of the peace, to be holden next after the feast of Easter, assemble them selfes to gether, that is to saie, euery nombre of them within the limittes of their commissions, wher in they be named iustices of peace: and at and vpon suche their assemble, shoulde diligently to gether amonges theim selfes perule examine studie and know the effectes and true intentes of the lawes statutes ordinaunces and prouisions hereafter specified: That is to saie, the lawes and statutes heretofore made and prouided, concernyng or in any wise touchyng vacabundes, retenours geuyng liueries signes, tokens or badges, maintenaunce, imbracerie, bowstaues, and acherie, vnlaufull games, forestallers and regratours, victaile victaylers, and inholders, and euery of theim, and of all statutes and lawes made in the same parliament, touchyng the same or any of theim: And after the perusyng and deliberate vnderstandyng of the saied lawes statutes and ordinaunces, they shulde deuise amonges theim selues, how the same might be best put in due and iust execution, and for the better procedyng therein, they shoulde deuide and seuer them selues, limittyng and assignyng alwaies the nombre of two of theim at the least, or more, into hundredes wapentakes rapes tō-

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motes, or nombre of townes & villages by their discrecions: And that the said Justices so deuided, or two of them at the least, shuld in euery quarter of the yere, from and after the said feast of Easter than next comyng, hold and kepe, within the limites of their diuisions, one sessions, beside the general quarter sessions for the peace: The said one sessions to be kept & holden alwaies within the limites of their diuisiõ, at and in one suche date, as by theim shuld be appoynted: so that it be alwaies sire wekes at the least before the quarter sessions. And that al processe and procedynges in euery of the said sessions so to be holden, shuld be cõtinued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of theim at the least, at & in euery suche sessions, shulde haue power and auctoritee to enquire as well by the othes of xii. men, inhabitantes within the limittes of their diuision, as by any informacion geuen to theim by any persone or persones, of all defautes offences and contemptes doone and committed, or than hereafter to be doone or committed agaynst the fourme of euery of the statutes afore said, and to here and determine the same: And shoulde also haue power and auctoritee vpon euery presentment or informacion touchyng the premisses or any of them, to make processe by Venire facias, one Capias, and an Exigent, vnder the seales of the same Justices, or two of theim, agaynst euery suche person and persons, agaynst whom any suche informacion or presentment shoulde be had for their apparaunce afore them in their sessions, to be holden as is aforesaid, to aunswere to suche informacion or presentmẽt as shulde be there had or made. And if the person or persones accused by informacion or presentment, shoulde bee conuict vpon any suche informacion or presentment by confession or verdite of xii. men, that than the said Justices of peace, or two of them, afore whom suche conuiction shoulde be had, shoulde haue power and auctorite, to geue iudgement agaynst euery suche offender and offenders so conuicte of suche peynes by imprisonment, or such peines losses and forfaytures of money or both, or any of theim, as are limitted in the said seuerall statutes for suche offences, whereof they shoulde be so conuicted, and cause execucion therof to be made and had accordyngly. And also the said Justices of peace, or two of theim, at and in their said sessions to bee holden (as is aforesaid) shoulde haue power and auctorite to correct and reforme the panelles of Juries for any inquiries to bee made afore them touchyng the said statutes or any of theim, in like maner and forme as Justices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace might doe in their sessions by vertue of a statute made therof, in the thyrde yere of our most dread soueraigne lorde the kynges reigne that now is. And that the shirieffe and other ministers, hauyng power to retourne panels, shuld make theis and their retournes accordyng to such reformacion and correction of the Justices aforesaid, vpon the peyne limitted by the same statute, as by the same statute, made in the said xxxiii. yere of the kynges maiesties reygne that now is more playnely doeth and may appere.

And for as muche as the kynges moste louyng subiectes are muche trauayled and otherwise encumbred in comyng and kepyng of the saied fiue weekes sessions, to their costes charges and vnquietnesse, be it therefore enacted by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that the saied former act, made in the saied .xxviii. yere of the kynges maiestees reigne, and all ordinances articles prouisions & thynges therein conteined, shall be from henseforth repealed adnulled and vtterly voyde and of none effect, to all intentes, constructions and purposes. And that all and euery article therin conteigned, shal be, by vertue hereof, inquired of before al Justices of peace, at their auncient quarter sessions: And that the same Justices of peace, at their saied quarter sessions, shall haue lyke power and auctoritee, by vertue hereof to punysshe and reforme all and euery suche offence and offences in lyke maner and fourmeas they myght haue doone by vertue of the saied former act, made in the saied .xxviii. yere of the kynges reigne.

¶ An act that any indicteme̅t lackyng these wordes, vi et armis, shalbe good and sufficient in the lawe. Cap. viii.

Where before this tyme it was and yet is commonlye vsed in all indictmentes and inquisicions of treason murder felony trespas, and dyuers other, to haue compryled & put in euery the same indictmentes and inquisicions these wordes, ui & armis, and in diuers of the same indictmentes to declare the maner of the force and armes. That is to saie, ui et armis, videlicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or suche other like wordes in effect, where of truth the parties so indicted had no maner of suche weapons at the tyme of the saied offence committed and done: yet in default and lacke of the same wordes, the saied indictmentes were and yet be taken as voide in the law, for to put any person to aunswere therevnto: and the partie or parties so indicted for lacke of the same woordes, not beyng compryled and put in the saied indictementes, haue taken aduantage therof, and haue auoided the same indictmentes by writte or writtes of Erroz, or by plee vpon his or their apparaunce, as the same case did require. For reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that from the feast of the natiuitee of our lorde god next comyng, these woordes, ui & armis, videlicet, cum baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or suche other like, shall not of necessitee be put or compryled in any inquision or indictment: nor that the partie or parties beeyng hereafter indicted of any offence, shal haue or take any aduantage by writte or writtes of Erroz plee or otherwyse to adnull or auoyde any suche inquisicion or in-

or indictment, for that that the saied woordes, vi & armis, uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or any of the same or lyke woordes, shall not be put or compriſed in the saied inquisicions or indictmentes: but that the same inquisicions or indictmentes, and euery of theim, lackyng the saied woordes, ui & armis, uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, or any of them, shal from thensefoorth, by the auctoritee afore saied, be taken demed & adiudged to all intētes constructions and purposes, as good and effectuall in the law, as the same inquisicions and indictementes, haupng the saied woordes, ui & armis, uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis, come priſed and put in euery of the same inquisicions and indictmentes were or heretofore haue beñ takē demed or adiudged: any law vsage or custome heretofore had and vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the saied feast of the Natiuitee of our lorde god next comyng, doe steale any horse geldyng maare fole or filley, and therof be found gilte by verdict of .xii. men, or by his owne confession, be atteincted, or otherwise be indicted for the stealyng of any horse gelding maare fole or filley, and therupon arraigned, and doe stande muet of malice or frowarde mynde, or challenge peremtory aboue the numbre of .xx. or els wil not aunswere directly to the same indictment and felony, wherepon he is so arraigned: that than euery suche person and persons shall not from thensefoorth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffre death in suche maner and fourme, as thei shulde haue, if thei were no clerkes.

¶ An act against vsurie. Cap. ix.

Where before this tyme dyuers and sundry actes statutes and lawes haue been ordeined had and made within this realme, for the auoydyng and punisshment of vsury beyng a thyng vnlaufull, and of other corrupt bargaynes shiftes & cheuisances, whiche actes statutes and lawes ben so obscure and darke in sentences woordes and termes, and vpon the same so many dowtes ambiguitees and questions haue risen and growen, and the same actes statutes and lawes been of so littell force or effect, that by reason therof litle or no punisshement hath ensued to the offenders of the same, but rather hath encoraged theim to vse the same. For reformacion whereof be it enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that all and euery the saied actes statutes and lawes heretofore made, of for or concernyng vsury shiftes corrupt bargaynes and cheuisances and euery of them, and all peines forfaitures and penalties concernyng the same and euery part therof, shall from henseforth be vtterly

voyde and of none effect to all intentes constructions and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that no person ne persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they bee, from and after the last daie of January next comyng, shal by him selfe factour attourney seruant or deputie, sell his marchaūdises or wares to any person or persons, and within three monethes next after by hym selfe factour atturney deputie, or by any other person or persōs to his vse and behoufe, bie the same marchaundises or wares, or any part or parcell therof, vpon a lesser price, knowyng theim to be the same wares or marchandises, that he before dyd so bargayne and sell, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter limitted in this estatute.

And be it also enacted by the same auctoritee, that no person nor persons, of what estate degree qualitee or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the saied last daie of Januarie next commyng, by waie or meane of any corrupt bargaine lone eschaunge cheuisance shift interest of any wares marchandises or other thyng or thynges what so euer, or by any other corrupt or disceitefull waie or meane, or by any couyn Ingyn or disceytfull waie or conueiaunce, shall haue receiue accept or take in lucre or gaines for the forbearyng or geuyng day of paiemēt of one whole yere, of and for his or their money or other thyng, that shall be due for the same wares marchandise or other thyng or thynges, aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundred, and so after that rate, and not aboue, of and for a more or lesse summe, or for a longer or shorter time, and no more or greatter gaine or summe therupon to be had, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter in this act mencioned and conteyned.

And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesaied, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the saied last daie of Januarie, doe bargaine and sell, or lay to morgage by any waie or meane any manours landes tenemētes or hereditamētes to any person or persons, vpon condicion of payment or non paiement of any summe or summes of money to be had paied or made at any daie certain, or before any such daie by him that shall so bargain sel or ley to morgage the same manors lādes tenementes or hereditamentes that the same person or persons, to whō any suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shalbe so bargayned sold or laid to morgage shal not by reson therof haue ne take in lucre or gaines of the issues reuenues & profittes of the same manours landes tenemētes or hereditamentes aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundreth for one hole yere, and so after the rate aboueSaied, for a more or lesser summe, or for a longer or shorter time, and no more, nor otherwise, vpon the paines forfaitures and penalties hereafter in this present estatute limitted and expressed.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that if any persone or persons, of what estate degree qualitee or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the saied last daie of Januarie next commyng

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ſhall do any act or actes, thyng or thynges contrary to the tenour fourme and effect of this eſtatute, or of any clauſe article or ſentence conteyned in the ſame, that than all and euerie offender and offenders therein, or in any part therof, ſhall forfaite and loſe for euery ſuche offence the treble value of the wares marchandiſes and other thyng or thynges ſo bargained ſold eſchaunged or ſhifted, and the treble value of the iſſues and profittes of the ſaied manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, ſo had taken or receiued by reaſon of any ſuche bargain ſale or morgage, and alſo ſhall haue and ſuffre impriſonment of his body, and make fine and raunſome at the kynges will and pleaſure: The moytee of whiche forfayture of the ſaied treble value, ſhalbe to the kyng, and thother moytee to hym or them that will ſue for the ſame in any of the kynges courtes by action of debt byll playnt or informacion, in whiche action byll playnt or informacion no wager of law eſſoyne or protection ſhall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforeſaied, that this act ne any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any lawfull obligacion indoced with a condicion, nor to any ſtatute or recognſaunce made and to be made for the paiement of a leſſer ſumme, ſo that the ſame obligacion ſtatute or recognſaunce be made for a true iuſt and perfite debt, or for the perfourmaunce of any other true couenauntes made or to be made vpon a iuſt and true intent had betwene the parties, other then in caſes of vſury intereſt corrupte bargaynes ſhyfte or cheuiſaunce, ne yet ſhall extende to any recouery fyne feoffement releaſe confirmacion or graunt made or to bee made vpon condicion with a true intent, other than to ſuch recoueries fines feoffementes releaſſes confirmacions and grauntes as ſhalbe made vpon condicion extendyng to vſury intereſt corrupt bargaynes ſhiftes or cheuiſaunce: any thyng in this eſtatute conteyned, or any law ſtatute or ordinaunce heretofore had vſed or made to the contrary not withſtandyng.

An act agaynſt ſclaunderous billes. Cap. x.

Where diuers malicious and euil diſpoſed perſons of their peruerſe cruel and malicious intentes, mindyng the vtter vndoyng of ſome perſones, to whom thei haue and do beare malice hatred and euill will, haue of late moſt diuelliſhlie practiſed and deuiſed dyuers writynges, wherein hath ben compryſed, that the ſame perſons, to whom they beare malice, ſhoulde ſpeake traiterouſe wordes againſt the kinges maieſtee, his crowne and dignitie, or committe diuerſe heynouſe and deteſtable treaſons againſt the kynges hyghneſſe (where in verie deede the perſonnes ſo accuſed, neuer ſpake ne committed any ſuche offence) and the ſame writynges ſo deuiſed written and made, haue caſt abrode, and left in places, where they mought be and haue been founde without ſubſcrybyng or writyng the true name of

the saied accusor, or auowyng and approuyng the same to be true before the kynge or his councell, by reason whereof dyuers of the kynges true faithful and louyng subiectes haue ben put in feare and drede of their lyues, and of the losse and forfayture of their landes tenementes goodes and cattels.

For reformacion whereof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion he or they be, shall at any time hereafter deuise make or write, or cause to be deuised made or written, any maner of writynges, compassyng, that any maner of persone or persons haue spoken cõmitted or done any offence or offences, which now by the lawes of this realme bee made treason, or that hereafter shall bee made treason, and the same wrytyng or wrytynges do cast or leaue in open places, where they mate and shall be found, and doe not subscribe or cause to be subscribed his true name to the saied wrytyng, and within. xii. daies next after ensuyng do not personally come before the kyng or his counsel, and affirme the contentes of the same wrytyng and wrytynges to bee true, and do as muche as in him shalbe for the approuement of the same: That then all and euery person and persones, offendyng as is aforesaid, shalbe demed and adiudged a fellon and fellons, and euery such offence shall bee adiudged and demed felony: And the offendour and offẽdours in the same and euery of theim, beyng of the same offence or offences lawfully conuicted or attemted (after the lawes of this realme) shal haue and suffre suche paines of death, losse and forfaiture of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, as in other cases of felony, without any benefit of clergie, or priuylege of sanctuary to be admitted graunted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ An act for the marshes beside Grenewiche. Cap. xi

For so much as the marshes, called the new marshes & Combemarshes, in the parishe of Easte Grenwiche, in the countie of Kent, been sundry tymes in greatte peryll and daunger of ouerflowyng, by reason of the rageyng floudes and great tides, that woulde breake in there, if the seuerall owners of the saied marshes shoulde not circumspectly prouide for the defence thereof from tyme to tyme, by makyng amendyng and repairyng the bankes of the same: And all bee it, that the moste parte of the owners of the saied marshes bee continually charged with the reparacions of the bankes of the same, payng after a rate for an acre, yet some owners therof be, which haue not nor wil not paie any thyng, nor in any wise be contributorie towardes the amendment and reparacions there: by reason wherof the said bankes be not duely nor conuenientely repaired, to the great perill and dangier of ouerflowyng and drownyng of the saied marshes,

shes, and so to the great losse of the kynges maiestee, and sundry of his graces subiectes aswel beyng owners of parcell of the same, as to an infinite nombre of other, that be daily refressyed, and haue great sustentacion by the same. In consideracion whereof it maie please his highnesse, with thadwise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comunons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that it maie be established and enacted, that all and euery suche person and persons as now be, or whiche hereafter shall be owners of the saied marshes, or of any parcell therof, shall at all tymes after the ende of this session of this present parliament, paie and be contributory and chargeable towardes the reparacion and amendment of the saied mashes from tyme to tyme, after the rate of thacre, as other owners there haue heretofore been charged. And that by thauctoritee aforesaied it shalbe lefull to the expenditours and collectours, or one of them from tyme to tyme, when any sesse or tare shalbe had or made in that behalfe, to distreyne the goodes and cattalles of suche persones, that shall refuse to paie after suche rate: and the same distresses to retein kept and vse according to the lawes of Romney marshe in suche behalfe heretofore vsed.

¶ Sance for tithes in London. Cap. xii.

Where of late time contencion strife and variaunce hath risen and growen within the citee of London & the libertees of the same, betwene the persons vicars & curates of the saied citee and the citesens and inhabitauntes of the same, for and concernyng the paiementes of tithes oblacions and other duties within the saied citee and libertees. For appeasyng wherof a certain order and decree was made therof by the most reuerende father in God Thomas archebishop of Canturbury metropolitan chiefe primate of al England, Thomas Audeley knyght lorde Audeley of walden, and then lord Chauncellour of Englande now deceassed, and other of the kynges maiesties most honourable priuy Counsail, and also the kynges letters patentes and proclamacion was made thereof and directed to the saied citesens concernyng the same, where vpon it was after enacted in the parliament holden at westminster by prorogacion the fourth day of Februarie, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges maiesties most noble reygne by auctoritee of the same parliament, that the citesens and inhabitauntes of the same citee should at Easter than next comyng, pay vnto the curates of the saied citee & suburbes, all such and like summes of money for tythes oblacions and other dueties, as the saied citesens and inhabitauntes by the order of the saied late lord Chauncellour and other of the kinges most honourable counsaile and the kynges saied proclamacion, paied or ought to haue paied by force and vertue of the saied order at Easter, whiche was in the yere of our lord god. M. CCCCC. xxxvi. and the same paiementes

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so to continue from tyme to tyme, vntill suche tyme as any other order or law shuld be made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the .xxxii. persons by his grace to be named aswell for the ful stablishment concerning the paiement of all tithes oblacions and other dueties of the inhabitauntes within the saied citee suburbes and libertees of the same, as for the makyng of the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme of Englande, and that euery person denying to paie, as is aforesaied, shuld by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the tyme beyng, be comitted to prison there to remayne vntyll suche tyme as he or they shuld haue agreed with the curate or curates for their saied tithes oblacions and other dueties, as is aforesaied, as in the saied act more playnely appereth: Sithen whiche act diuers variauntes contencions and stryfes are newly rysen and growen betwene the saied persons vicars & curates, and the saied citesyns and inhabitauntes touchyng the paymentes of their tithes oblacions and other dueties by reason of certayn wordes and termes specified in the said order, whiche are not so playnly and fully sette forth, as is thought conuenient and mete to be, for appeasyng wherof, as well the saied persons vicars and curates, as the saied citesens and inhabitauntes haue compromitted and put them selfes to stande to such order and decree touchyng the premisses, as shalbe made by the saied right reuerend father in god Thomas archebisshoppe of Canturbury metropolitane and primate of England, the right honorable sir Thomas Wryothesley knight lorde Wryothesley and lorde chauncellour of England, the ryght honorable Thomas duke of Norff. lorde Treasorer of England, the ryght honorable sir William Pawlet knyght lord Seint John lord president of the counsail and lorde great maister of the kynges most honorable household, the right honorable sir John Russell knight lorde Russell and lord priuey seale, the right honourable Edwarde Erle of Hertff. lord great Chamberlayne of England, the right honourable John vicunt Lysle high admyrall of England, syr Richarde Lyster knyght chiefe Justice of England, sir Edward Mountaigue knyght chiefe Justice of the common benche at westminster, and sir Roger Cholmeley knyght chiefe Barne of the eschecker, for a fynall end and conclusion to be had and made touchyng the premisses for euer: And to the intent to haue a full peace and perfite ende betwene the saied parties their heires and successours, touchyng the saied tithes oblacions and other dueties for euer: Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that such end order and direction as shalbe made decreed and concluded by the forenamed archebishop lordes and knyghtes or any .vi. of them before the fyrste daie of Marche next ensuyng, of for and concernyng the paiementes of the Tythes oblacions and other duties within the said citie and the liberties of the same and enrollid in the kynges high court of Chauncery of record, shall stande remayne and bee as an act of parliament and shall bynde aswell all citesens and inhabitantes of the saied citee and libertees for the tyme beyng, as the saied persons

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sons vicars curates and theyr successours for euer, accordyng to the effect purport and entent of the saied order and decree so to be made and inrolled. And that euery person denyyng to paie any of his or their tithes oblacions or other duelies contrary to the saied decree so to be made, shal by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the tyme beyng, and in his default or neglygence by the lorde Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng be committed to prison, there to remayne till suche tyme as he or thei haue agreed with the curate and curates for his or their said tithes oblacions and other dueties as is aforesaied.

¶An act repealyng the act made for pinnes. Cap. xiii.

Where in the parliament holden vpon prorogacion at westm̃, the .xxii. date of Januarie, in the .xxviii. yere of our souerayngne lordes reygne that now is, and there continued and kept tyll the .xii. date of Maye, in the .xxxv. yere of his saied reigne, it was enacted, that no maner persone or persones, from and after the fyrst date of August than next ensuyng, shoulde vent vtter or putte to sale, by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner pynnes within this realme, but onely suche as shoulde be double headed, and haue the headdes soudered fast to the shanke of the pynne, well smothed, the shanke well shaven, the poynct well and rounde fyled, canted and sharped, vpon peyne that euery offender in that behalfe shoulde lose and forfaite for euery thousande of pynnes, not sufficiently wrought and made, vented vttred or put to sale, contrary to the purport of the saied act, xl.s. the one halfe of the saied forfayture to be to the kynges maiestee, and the other halfe to any his graces subiectes that wold sue for the same by bill, playnt, action of debt, informacion, or otherwise, in any court of recorde, wherein the defendant shoulde not wage his law, nor any essoyne protection or forreyn plee allowed or admitted: any law statute or ordynaunce before that tyme made to the contrary in anywise not withstandyng, as by this saied act more at large doeth appere. At whiche tyme the pinners playnly affirmed and promised to serue the kynges liege people wel and sufficiently and at a reasonable price. And for as much as sens the makyng of the saied act there hath ben scarsitee of pynnes within this realme, that the kynges liege people haue not ben wel nor competently serued of such pinnes, nor are like to be serued, nor the pinners of this reame, (as it doeth now manifestly appere) be hable to serue the people of this realme, accordyng to their saied promise. In consideracion whereof, it maie please the kyng our soueraine lorde, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that it maie be established and enacted, that the saied act made in the saied .xxviii. and .xxv. yere of his gracious reigne, concernyng makyng of pynnes, and euery thyng therein con-

conteyned, maie be made adiuged and demed from henseforth frustrate and nihilated, and to be repealed for euer, as though the saied act in that behalfe had neuer ben made or prouided.

Prouided alwaie, and be it enacted by the saied auctoritee, that all actions bylles playntes and informacions nowe commensed or depending in the kynges courtes of the eschequer, kynges benche, or common place of or for any offence done contrary to the tenour of the saied former act, shall continue and be in their force and strength: and all iudgementes and executions therin to be sued and had in suche maner and fourme, as if this act of repeale had neuer be had or made.

An act for the maintenance of the peere at Scarborough. Cap. xiiii

IN most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes your true and faithfull subiectes, the bailiffes and cõmnaltee of your towne of Scarburgh, in the coũty of Yorke, that where of olde antiquitie, as wel the inhabitantes & dwellers within your saied towne, as all other both your gracis subiectes & straungers, hauyng any entercourse, passyng or repassyng from any port or hauen of this realme of Englande, or from beyonde the sea, to your port or hauen of Scarburgh, haue had for their shippes bootes & vessels, goodes and marchaundises within the key or peere in the hauen of Scarburgh, at all tymes, good, sure and safe harborow, & haue had in the saied hauen franke egresse & enteraunce with their shyppes and other vesselles at all tydes, and at euery full sea: by reason wherof as well all maner of marchantes as fisshermen, beyng on the seas in any aduersitee tempest or peryll on the North cost, haue euer been accustomed to resort thither for their sauegardes and assuraunce, as well of mens liues as vessels goodes and marchandises: by meanes of whiche great resort, the saied towne was well inhabited, and the inhabitauntes therof well occupied, as well with sundry good occupacions, as with fishyng and makyng or dryng of fysshe, to the great commoditee and profite to the dwellers within the saied towne and the countrey therbnto nere adioynyng, as of all other marchauntes of this realme thither resortyng and comyng: by occasion whereof your highnesse custome dyd yerely extende vnto a good and large somme of money at the saied hauen. And also all the owners of all the mesuages landes and tenementes within the precinct of the saied towne did set and let their saied mesuages landes and tenementes at great rentes or fermes to their great aduauntages and profites: vnto now of late and within few yeres, that the saied key or peere within the saied hauen, by the floudde and rage of the sea, comyng to the saied towne, and insurgeyng ouer and vpon the saied key or peere in tymes of tempest, hath freated and broken downe, and merualously wore awaie the saied key or peere, in so much that the saied hauen is not

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of late yeres so haunted & frequented with shippes and vessels, as heretofore it hath been accustomed and vsed, to the great impouerishyng of the inhabitantes and dwellers in the saied towne, and to the great decaie of the numbre of the same, and to the hinderaunce & minishyng of the rentes and fermes of the mesuages landes and tenementes within the precinctes limittes and boundes of the said towne of Scarburgh, in so muche that a great numbre of the saied landes and tenementes now are fallen downe decaied and at this tyme remayne vnreedified, lyng as desolate in voyde groundes, whiche within few yeres wolde be amended and reedified, and myght be sette or letten for muche greatter rentes or fermes, than they be at this tyme, if the said key or peere were repaired and made agayne, that shyppes bootes and other vessels might haue harber in the saied hauen, and course and recourse in and forth, as hath been in tymes past, whiche key or peere beyng now so farre decaied, that the inhabitantes of the saied towne, the tenauntes and fermes of the saied mesuages landes and tenementes are not able to reedifie repaire or amende, without the owners of the saied mesuages landes and tenementes maie be compelled to be perely contributours and helpers vnto the same. In consideracion whereof be it enacted ordeined and established by the assent of the kynges maiestee and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter folowyng shall appere: That is to saie, the kynge our souereaigne lorde, by the auctoritee aforesaied ordeyneth maketh establisheth and erecteth a certayne corporacion or body politike of the noumbre of two persones, commonly called forever, the maysters or keepers of the keye or peere of Scarburgh, whiche corporacion or bodie politike, by auctoritee aforesaied, continually and forever shall remaine and abide a perfect corporacion or body politike. And the saied maisters or keepers, and their successours, shall and maie be, at all tyme and tymes hereafter enabled and auctorised to sue and pleade, and be sued and empleaded by the name of maisters or keepers of the saied keye or peere of Scarburgh: and also shall haue one seale, whiche shall be called the common seale.

And be it enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that the baylliffes coroners and serchers of occupacions of the saied towne of Scarburgh, and they^r successours, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, to elect nominate and chose at the common hall within the saied towne of Scarburgh, two sufficient discrete and honest persones, dwellyng within the saied towne of Scarburgh, or the limittes of the same, to be maisters and keepers of the said key or peere by the space of three yeres next ensuyng their election: whiche election, by the auctoritee aforesaied, shall bee the fyrst date of Februarye next ensuyng. After whiche election so had and made, and knowlage therof geuen by the saied baylliffes coroners and serchers, the saied persons so elected and chosen to be maisters and keepers of the saied key or peere, shall alwaies vpon they^r

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election, and notice thereof geuen, in fourme aforesaied, entre into theyr saied office, in the feast of the purificacion of our blessed ladie sainct Marie the virgin: and from thensforth shall continually remayne and abide in the saied office by the space of three yeres nexte ensuyng their election. And the saied bailiffes coroners and serchers, and their successours for the tyme beyng, shall at all tyme and tymes hereafter, at the ende of three yeres, make a new election, in forme aforesaied, of two other persons, to be maisters and kepers of the saied key or peere, to vse exercise and occupie the saied office, in maner and fourme, as before by this present acte is specified and declared.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if any person or persons, whiche hereafter shall be chosen by the saied bayliffes coroners and serchers, and their successours for the tyme beyng, to be maysters or kepers of the saied key or peere, doe refuse to take vpon theim the saied roume and office, or to vse and exercise the same, accordyng to the fourme of this present act: that than he or they, or eyther of theim, so refusyng, shall lose and forfaite for euery tyme, that any suche refusell is had or made, fourtie shillynges to the next maisters and kepers, and their successours of the saied keye or peere, the same to bee bestowed and imployed vpon the reparyng and maintenyng of the same key or peere. For whiche forfaiture of .xl.s. the saied maisters and kepers, and theyr successours, shall distreigne the landes goodes and cattalles of him or theim that shal lose or forfayte the same, lyng or beyng within the towne of Scarburgh or the precinctes of the same, or to haue an action of dette by writte byll or playnt in any of the kynges courtes, or in any other court, who hath auctoritee or cognisance to holde plea of dette.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if it shall happen the saied maisters and kepers or either of theim, to die in the tyme of their office, or refuse to exercise and occupie the same: that than the said bayliffes coroners and serchers shall haue auctoritee, by vertue of this act, within fiue dates after the death or refusall of suche maister or keper to them knowen and certified at the common hall aforesaied, to chose and elect new maisters and kepers, or a new maister and keper, in the roume of theim or hym that so shall happen to die or refuse, to fulfill the roume of the same onely to the end of those three yeres.

And be it further enacted, that the fore saied maysters and kepers, and their successours hereafter shall peresly leute receyue and haue of all and euery person and persons, beyng owner or owners, and hauing estate of inheritaunce, or beyng tenaunt by the curtesy, or tenaunt in dower, of any meluage or meluages, tenement or tenementes, or any kynd of rentes gardins or charges or other landes groundes or hereditamentes, lette situate or lyng within the precinctes limittes or bondes of the said towne of Scarburghe, or the libertees and iurisdictions of the same, or of any

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ayude of rent or rentes, beeng due to be paied forth, or for any of the same to for and towardes the reparations amendyng and buyldyng, and for maintenaunce of the same key or peere, the first parte of the yerely rent of all suche messuages tenementes gardeyns or chardes landes grounds or hereditamentes, lyyng within the precinctes limittes and boundes aforesaied, to be hereaftet yerely paied vnto the same maisters and keepers of the saied key or peere, for the tyme beyng, by the fermers or occupiers of euery of the said messuages tenementes & other the premisses at the feastes of Pentecost and saint Martin in winter euery yere by euen porcions.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that the first paiement shal begyn at the feast of Pentecost next ensuyng the makyng of this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if any owner or owners of any such messuages tenementes, gardeins or chardes landes or grounde lyyng within the libertees of Scarburghe aforesaid, doe holde and occupie the same in his or their owne handes, not letten to any fermer: than euery suche owner or owners shall yerely paie as is aboue saied, the .v. part of so muche rent or ferme, as his said messuage tenement gardeyn or chardе lande grounde or hereditament, may be reasonably letten to ferme for, as by the valuacion of ten discrete personnes of the same towne, shalbe adiudged without fraude or couyn.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaied, that for lacke of paiement of the saied .v. parte of the rentes and fermes aboue rehersed, the saied maisters and keepers and their successours shall haue full power by vertue of this acte, to enter into euery suche messuage tenemente and other the premisses, whereof the saied .v. parte of euery suche rent or ferme shalbe due and vnpaied, and there distreigne, and the distresse there taken to catie or take awaie retеine & kepe, vnto suche tyme as they be fully contented and paied the .v. parte of suche rent or ferme, as is before expressed, with the arrerages, if any be.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that euery fermer or occupier of such messuages tenemetes or other the premisses, paieyng the .v. parte of the rente or the ferme aboue saied, vnto the forsaied maisters or keepers of the key or peere of Scarburghe aforesaied, for the time being, shalbe therof and for so much clerely aquieted and discharged against the owner or owners of suche messuages tenementes gardines or chardes landes grounds or hereditamentes aforesaied, and against the heyres and executours of the saied owner or owners, and the heires and executours of euery of them: Any vsage custome lawe couenaunt indenture obligacions or bondes to the contrary made, or hereafter to bee made, in any wise not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the saied two maisters and keepers, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and

auctoritee to order rule set forwardes ouersee and gouerne the workes of the saied key or peere, to hyre workemen, bie stuffe for the same, and make prouision for euery thyng therunto belongyng appertenyng or necessarie for the most profite and furtheraunce of the same, after their best policy and wisedome. And at the ende of euery three yeres, to make their accompt vnto the bayliffes coroners and serchers afore saied, who shall here examine and determine the saied accoumpt: and allow all thynges worthy to be allowed: and disalow suche as be not worthy to be allowed: And shall limitte and assigne, what and how muche the saied maisters and keepers, so accomptant, shall haue allowed them for their labours expenses and charges by theim in that behalfe sustayned, in the tyme of their office: wherwith the saied maisters and keepers shalbe contented without any further demaunde, whiche accoumpt, so heard examined and determyned by the bailiffes coroners and serchers aboue saied, the saied maysters and keepers so accomptant, shal cause theyr saied accompt wholly and fully to bee double written in parchement indented: the one parte whereof to remayne with the saied bayliffes: and the other part with the saied masters and keepers.

Be it further enacted, that the saied bailliffes coroners and serchers for tyme beyng, vpon the thirde daie of Februarie, at euery three yeres ende, or within .xx. daies then next ensuyng, shall heare examine and determyne the saied accompt, without any further delaie, vnder peyne of forfayture of euery one of theim .xx. s. to the vse of the saied key or peere, to be leuied and receyued by the maisters or keepers for the tyme beyng.

And in case that the maysters or keepers, or any of theim, at the ende of their office, doo refuse to make their accompt or neglect the same, Be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the bayliffes of the towne of Scarburgh, for the tyme beyng, maie haue actions of accompt, actions of debt, of arrerages of accompt, against the saied maysters and keepers, their heires and executours, for and concernyng the receipt of the yerely reuenues issues and profites, to the saied key or peere in any wyse belongyng or apperteinyng. And also all and singular debtes and summes of money, whiche shalbe hereafter recouered by vertue of the premisses, shall be deliuered by the saied bayliffes to the maysters and keepers of the key or peere aforesaied, for the tyme beyng, for the repairyng and maintenãce of the same. And in like maner the saied accomptauntes to haue lyke remedie agaynst their successours for the surplusage of theyr accompt, if any suche shall happen to be.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that if any person or persons hereafter shall happen to practise or attempt any defraude couyn or gyle in any thyng or thynges within the saied liberties and precintes, touchyng or concernyng the saied .v. part of the yerely rentes or fermes of the saied messuages landes tenementes or other the premisses

mysses aboue specified, to disturbance, and contrary to the true meanyng of this present act. Or if any ambiguites or doubt shal hereafter be found or arise in this present act, that than the said Kinges counsayll doubt or ambiguitee shall be examined tried and fully ended and determined at the suite of the maisters and kepers of the said key or peere, and their successours, before the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, whiche lorde Chauncellour shal haue auctoritee by vertue of this act, not onely to here examine and determine all suche causes: but also to expounde and interpretate euery ambiguitee and doubt, arisyng of any thyng conteined in this act.

¶ An act against regratyng of wolles. Cap. xv.

FOr as muche as by drapery and makyng of wollen clothes within this Realme, many of the kynges poore subiectes in great nombres, haue ben heretofore well occupied and fette a worke, and for that the same shoulde bee continued and maintened amonges other it was established and enacted, as well in the parliament holden at Westm. the .viii. yere of the late king Henry the .vii. as in the parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxii. yere of the reygne of our most dradd Soueraigne lorde the kynges royall maiestee that now is, that no maner of persone by hym selfe, or by any other, shulde bie or bargayne, from the first date of March, then next enshyng the makyng of the said act, any wolles than growyng vnshorne, or shulde take promise of bargain of any wolles than vnshorne, of the growyng of the shires of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Southampton, Wiltes. Dorset, Somers. Glocester, Worc. Hereford, Salop, Warwike, Leycester, Nottingham, Derby, Yorke, Lincoln, Rutlande, Northampton, Norff. Suff. Essex, Cambrige, Huntingdon, Bed. Bedforde, or any of theim, before the feast of the assumption of our lady than next enshyng: Or bie or bargain any wolles, or take promesse of bargaine of any wolles, that shall grow in any of the said shires, in any yere or yeres than to come, after the said feast of the assumption of our lady, any tyme before the said feast of the assumption of our lady, that shall be next after the shearyng of the said woll or wolles: but suche persons, that of the said woll or wolles, shulde make or doe to be made yarne or cloth within this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of the double value of all the wolles bought, or for to be bargained or taken by promesse of bargaine, contrary to the said ordinaunce. And further it was ordeyned, by auctoritee aforesaid, that no person, after the said first date of March, shoulde bye or bargaine any maner of woll within this realme for any marchant straunger nor shulde take any promesse of bargayne and sale of any woll for any marchaunt straunger within this realme, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same woll so bought: or whereof promesse of bargayne or sale shoulde be so taken, to the bie of

any straunger, or the value of the same wolles: The one halfe of al whi-
che forfaytures, shuld be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, the other halfe
to be to him, that wolde sue the partie, that shoulde breake the saied ordy-
naunce. And that any persone, that wolde sue in that parte, shoulde and
mought haue an action of debt of the saied forfayture and suche proces in
the same action be had, as in an action of debt at the common law, or af-
ter the custome of the citee borough or towne, where it shuld happen to be
sued: And that none essoyn ne protection be allowed, nor wager of law
for the saied defendant admitted, as by the saied estatute more plainely it
mate appere. Whiche act was made to endure from the saied first date of
Marche, vnto the ende of ten yeres than next ensuyng, and from the ende
of the said ten yeres, vnto the ende of the next parliament to be holden af-
ter the ende of the saied ten yeres: whiche tyme is now expired, by reason
wherof diuers persons, as broggers regratours and engrocers of wol-
les for their owne singular lucre and aduauntage to the entent to sell the
same agayne vnwrought, and to enchaunce the prices of wolles, haue ta-
ken and gathered into their handes diuers great quantitees and numbre
of stones and weightes of woll: and also haue taken promisses and bar-
gaynes of woll, in diuers the saied shires now vnlhorne: so that nother
the marchantes of the estaple, ne yet suche as wold drape and make yarne
and cloth within this realme, cannot haue wolles at any reasonable pri-
ces for the same. For remedie wherof, and to the entent as well the
marchantes of the staple, as suche as woll make yarne and cloth with-
in this realme, maie the better hereafter be prouided of wolles conuenie-
ent for the same: It is ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present
parliament, that from and after the saied first date of Marche now next
comyng, no maner of persone, other than marchauntes of the saied estа-
ple, and their seruauntes and factours for the onely prouision of the saied
estaple, and for to be shipped onely to the saied estaple and other than such
as shall conuerte the same into yarne or cloth within this realme, by
himselfe, or by any other: bie or bargaine, or take promesse of bargayne
of any wolles, beeyng now vnshorne, of the growyng of the shyres of
Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Southampton, Wiltes. Somers. Glocester,
Wigorn. Hereford. Salop, Warwike, Leycester, Nottingham, Derby, Yorke,
Lincoln, Rutlande, Northampton, Norff. Suff. Essex, Cambrige, Hun-
tyngton, Buk. Bedforde, and Hertforde, or any of them, before the feast
of the purificacion of our lady next after the sheatyng and clippyng of the
saied wolles; Or bie or bargayne any wolles, or take promesse of bar-
gayne of any wolles, that shall growe in any of the saied shyres, in any
yere or yeres to come, after the saied feast of the purificacion of our lady,
that shalbe next after the sheryng or clippyng of the saied woll, but one-
ly of suche persones their seruauntes and factours, that of the saied wolles
shall make or doone to be made yarne hattes girdelles or cloth within this
Realme, and not to sell the same wolle agayne, or the staple or his fa-
ctours

ctours, to be shipped onely to the saied estaple, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the double value of all the saied wolles bought, or for to bee bargayned, or taken by promesse of bargayne, contrary to this act & ordinaunce.

Prouided alwaies that it shall be laufull for euery man, to bryng or sende his owne woll vnto the common markets, and there to sel the same vnto the marchaunt of the staple, or his factour, or to hym or theim that wyll bye the same for to make yarne or cloth within this realme, or their factours or seruantes. And in case neither the stapler, his factour, or other for hym, or the clothier or other for hym, wyll not bie the same woll, so brought to the market, in their defaute to sell the same to any other that will bie the same in the saied open market: Any thyng in this present act to the contrary not withstandyng.

And further it is enacted by auctorite aforesaied, that no person after the first daie of Marche now next commyng, shall bie or bargayne any maner woll within this realme, for any marchaunt estraungier, nor shall take any promesse of bargaine or sale of any woll for any marchant stranger within this Realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same wolle so bought, or wherof promesse of bargayne and sale shall be so taken, to the vse of any marchant stranger: Or the value of the same wolles: The moitie of al whiche forfaytures to be to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, the other moytee to the partie that will sue for the same, the partie that shall breake this ordinance. And that any persone that will sue in that behalfe, shall and maie haue an action of debt of the saied forfayture: and suche proceesse in the same to be had, as in an action of debt at the common law, or after the custome of the citee borow or towne, where it shall bee sued, wherin none essoyn protection ne wager of law shall be admitted.

And further it is enacted, that all bargaynes couenauntes promysses and contractes for wols heretofore made or any time hereafter before the first daie of Marche now next commyng to bee made by any person of or for any wolles, of the growyng of any of the saied shires, beeyng vnshorne, shalbe voyde and of none effect: Except the bier prouider or suche persone or persones, to whom any suche former promesse or bargayne is made, doe put the same wolles by him receyued by suche former contract couenant or promesse into yarne or cloth within this realme, or doe shippe the same to the saied estaple.

It is also further prouided and enacted, that the saied marchaunte of the saied staple, maie bargayne and sell their refuse or course wolles, suche as is not mete for the saied estaple, to any other persone, that will bye the same, to make yarne or cloth within this realme: any thyng in this act to the contrary not withstandyng. This act to continue and endure vnto the end of the next parliament.

¶An act for the annexyng of certayne landes to the Duchy of Lancaster, and an exchange betwene the kynges maiestee, the archebishops of Cantuburie and Yorke, and the bysshop of London. Cap. xvi.

The kyng our soueraygne lorde, conslderyng and regardyng the estate of his duchie of Lancastre, beyng one of the most princeliest and stateliest pieces of his graces auncient inheritance, and perceiuyng that the possessions and yerely reuenues therof haue ben of late greatly diminished, aswell by reason of sundry giftes grauntes and sales made by his hyghnesse as by reason of sundry exchaunges made betwene his maiestee and dyuers his louyng subiectes, of diuerse manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes lately belongyng to the same, and the manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes beyng assured to his highnesse in the recompence of the saied exchaunges, be not annexed vnto his saied duchy, but ben in the ordre and gouernance of his courtes appoynted for the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so by his highnesse taken and receiued in exchaunge: And where his maiestee is now laufully seased in his demeane, as of fee, of and in the lordshyp and manour of Rippon in the countie of Yorke, with all the manours landes tenemētes hereditamentes membres profites and cōmoditees to the same belongyng, or in any wyse reputed vsed or taken as part parcell or membre of the same. And of all royalties liberties franchises iurisdictions and preeminences, what so euer they be there vsed or in any wyse to be exercysed in vpon or by reason of the same lordeshyp, or any part or parcell therof: all whiche were late of the possessions of the most reuerende father in god, Robert archebishop of Yorke, or of his last predecessour, as parcell of the possessions belongyng to the archebishoprycke of Yorke: And where as also the same our saied soueraygne lorde is now laufully seased in his demeane as of fee, of and in one parcell of lande called the Vaccharie, conteynyng by estimacion. lx. acres more or lesse, sette lyng and beeyng within the limittes and boundes of the forest of Ashedowne, in the countie of Sussex: whiche parcell of lande was late parcell of the possessions of the late dissolued priory or monastery of Michellame, in the saied countie of Sussex: And where also the kynges hyghnesse is seysed of and in dyuers parkes, as in the ryght of his saied duchie, and as parcell of the possessions belongyng to the same: And also of and in dyuerse and sundrie parcelles of landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng within the precinct circuite and compace of the saied parkes, whiche at this present are not parcel of the saied duchie, ne of the possessions belongyng to the same: His hyghnesse myndyng and intendyng the preseruacion aduauncement mayntenauce and continuance of the auncient and honorable estate of his said duchy, is fully determined resolued pleased and contented, to assygne the saied manour of Rippon, and all thother premisses to the saied duchie.

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wherfore be it enacted by the kynges hyghnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, That the said lordshippe and manour of Rippon, in the saied countie of yorke, and all manours landes tenementes possessions hereditamentes membres profittes and commoditees belongyng to the same, or in any wise reputed vsed or taken as part parcell or membre of the saied manour of Rippon: And all roialtees liberties francheses iurisdictions and preeminences, what so euer they be there vsed, or in any wise to be vsed taken or exercised in vpon or by reason of the same lordeship and manour of Rippon, and other the premisses, or in vpon or by reason of any part or parcell thereof, whiche were late of the possessions of the saied archebisshoppe of yorke, or of his saied predecessours, as parcell of the possessions of the saied archebisshopricke: And also the saied parcell of lande, called the Vaccharie, lyng and beyng within the limittes and boundes of the saied forest of Allhedowne in the saied countie of Suffex, with thappurtenances, And all the landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, which his highnes now hath in possession reuercion remaynder seruice or in vse of any estate of inheritance, not beyng parcell of the possessions belongyng to the saied duchy, and whiche ben lyng or beyng within the precinct circuite or compasse of any of the saied parkes, as holly and entierly, and in as ample and large maner and fourme, and with the same and like cõmoditees royalties francheses liberties priuileges preeminences and iurisdictions, as they came to the handes and possession of the same our souerayngne lorde the kynge, or to any other to his hyghnes vse and behoke, and in as ample and large maner fourme and condicion as they now ben or owen to be in his maiesties handes and possession be, and shall bee from henseforth vnited and annexed vnto his said duchie of Lancaster, and to be adiudged demed and taken for and as parcel and membre of the saied duchy of Lancaster, and shall bee of the same nature kynde qualitee and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as other the auncient possessions of the saied duchy, lyng and beyng out of the countie palantine of Lancaster, be and ought to be, and shall be in the lettyng settyng order rule suruey receypt and gouernance of the chauncellour councell and officers of the saied duchie of Lancastre for the tyme beyng for euermore, in like and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as other the saied auncient possessions of or belongyng to the same duchie, lyng and beeyng out of the saied countie palantine now ben haue ben or owen to be: And that as well the saied lordeship and manour of Rippon and other the premisses, as all other lordeshyppes manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, whiche haue ben heretofore by our saied souerayngne lord the kynge, or by any of his most noble progenitours annexed vnited assigned or appoynted to the saied duchie by act of parliament bylll assygned letters patentes or other laufull meanes, which be not as yet geuen granted

ted solde or exchaunged by they kynges hyghnes, or any of his noble pro-
genitours, or otherwise severed or divided from the saied duchie, and ben
set lyng and beyng out of the saied countie palantine of Lancastre. And
all and singular gyftes grauntes leases letters patentes and writynges
therof or of any pcell therof to be made by the kynges hyghnes his heires
or successours, shall for euermore passe and be made vnder the seale of the
saied duchie, and not vnder any other seale or otherwyse, and with the like
and the same liuerie of seison attornementes ceremonies orders and cir-
cumstances in the law, and in the same maner and fourme as other the
auncient possessions of the saied duchie, lyng and beyng out of the saied
countie palantine of Lancaster, & the letters patentes charters and wri-
tynges therof heretofore made haue vsed and ought to be made & passed,
and not otherwise nor in any other maner or fourme: Any act of parlia-
ment made concernyng the establishement and erection of the court of the
augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, or concernyng in
any wise the saied court of Augmentacions, or any landes tenementes or
hereditamentes libertees iurisdictions or preeminences, or other thyng
what so euer limitted or appoynted to be in the ordre surueie gouernaunce
or disposicion of the same court of Augmentacions, or any law act sta-
tute vsage or custome to the cõtrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.
And that as well all and singular lordshippes manours landes tenemen-
tes possessions and hereditamentes, whiche by this act be annexed vnited
assigned and appoynted to the saied duchy, as also all other manours lan-
des tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, whiche at any tyme here-
tofore haue ben by our saied soueraigne lorde the kynges highnes, or by
any of his most noble progenitours annexed vnited assygned or appoyn-
ted to the saied duchie, by act of parliament, byll assigned letters paten-
tes, or other lawfull meanes, whereof the officer and minister of the saied
duchie or any of them done at this daie receiue the profittes to the kynges
vse, and whiche be not as yet geuen graunted bargayned solde exchaun-
ged or otherwise put awaie deuided or severed from the saied duchie and
beyng set lyng and beeyng within the saied countie palantine of Lanca-
stre. And all and singular gyftes grauntes letters patentes and writyn-
ges therof or of any part & parcell therof, to be made by the kynges high-
nes, his heires or successours, shall for euermore passe and be made vnder
the seale of the countie palantyne of Lancaster, and not vnder or by any
other seale or otherwise, and with the like and the same orders ceremonies
and circumstances in the law, and in the same maner and fourme as other
the ancient possessions of the saied duchy, lyng and beyng within the said
countie palantine of Lancastre, hath ben had vsed and made, & the letters
patentes charters and writynges therof heretofore made, haue vsed and
owen to be passed and made, and not otherwise, nor in any other maner or
fourme. And that as well all and syngular the saied manours landes te-
nementes and other the premisses now annexed and assigned to the saied

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duchie by this act, as all other manours landes tenementes and possessi-ons heretofore assygned by our saied soueraygne lorde, or by any of his most noble progenitours to the saied duchie, whereof the officer and mynister of the saied duchie, or any of them, receiued the profittes at this daie to the kynges graces vse, lying or beeyng within the saied countie palaun-tyne of Lancastre, and beeyng not solde graunted bargayned geuen ex-chaunged or otherwise departed fro, deuyded or seuered from the saied countie palauntyne, shall be of the same nature qualitee and condicion in all intentes constructions and purposes in the law, as other the auncient possessions of the saied duchie, lyng or beyng within the saied countie pa-lantine of Lancastre, ben owen and haue vsed to bee: Any law act sta-tute custome or vsage to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that al the ren-tes reuenues issues and profittes, whiche hath ryssen comen and growen of the saied manour or lordeshyppe of Ryppon, and of all other manours landes tenementes hereditamentes membres profites and commoditees to the same belongyng, or in any wise reputed taken or vsed as part par-cell or membre of the same. And of all libertees fraunchises iurisdictions and preemynences vsed or exercised, in vpon or by reason of the same, or any part therof, sythen suche tyme as the inheritaunce of the same tyght came to the kynges handes or possession, shalbe taken receiued collected and accompted for by the officers and mynisters of the saied duchie, in su-che maner and fourme, as other rentes reuenues and profites of other landes tenementes and hereditamentes, belongyng to the saied duchie, hath vsed to bee taken receiued collected and accompted for: any law sta-tute vsage or custome to the cõtrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

And where the reuerende father in god the archebisshoppe of yorke now beyng, for and in consideracion of dyuers landes tenementes recto-ries and other hereditamentes, geuen graunted and assured by the kyn-ges highnes to the saied archebisshop, and his successours archebisshops of yorke, and for dyuers other good considerations and intentes, hath by his Indenture, enrolled of record, bargained solde geuen and graun-ted to the kynges highnes the saied manour of Ripon, with the appurte-naunces, and the manours of Wharom Stanley Ryponhalme Cole-slakehil Heppcroft, Castelcliffe, whitecliff, Thorpe, Monkeron, Thorn-ton Netherdale Bisshopside, Shorbourne Northorpe Bisshoppriches Pa-trington Charethorpe, Fylmake Haigarth Elvington Werwange Wol-ton Wilton Est Topelyff Chyrch Alrenby Grysthwaite Myllord Renton Newbre Skypton Catton Northbye Whaplon Waske Typtheme Ay-ton Dalton Crakhall Carleton Heram Crynton walle Atome Hay-done Kenwyke Grouenynge Keuelegh Cralment Cadden Appybynros Welcalland Newland Scroby Hauenneskeld Kanome Akham Sutton Northstock Churchedown Huckylcote Norton Shurdington Widrombe Cerney Compton Odington and Glouceſter, with all and syngular theyr

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membres and appurtenãces in the seueral counties of Yorke, Northumb. Gloucester, and in the countie of the citee of Gloucester, and diuers other manours lãdes tenementes aduousons patronages gyftes and nominacions of hospitalles prebendes Churches chantries freechappelles and other spirituall promocions, and diuers royaltees iurisdictions preheminentes francheses libertees and other hereditamentes with their membres and appurtenaunces. All whiche manours landes tenementes and the other premisses did lately belong to the saied archebishopryk of Yorke To haue and to holde the same to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours for euer, as by the same indenture, beryng date the .xi. daie of Februarij, in the .xxvi. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, it doeth more playnely appere.

And to the entent that the kynges highnes maie be perfectly assured of all and singular the saied manours landes tenementes possessions and other the premisses so assigned to his highnes by the saied Indenture, Be it ordeined enacted and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoryte of the same, that the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioye the saied manour of Rippon, and all the said manours meses landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruices royaltees libertees fraunchises iurisdictions preeminences and other hereditamentes, with all and singular the appurtenaunces, and all other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beyng so geuen graunted limitted or appoynted to the kynges highnes by the saied Indenture, clerely and freely, in what countrey or places so euer they be set lyyng or beyng, as well agaynst the saied archebishop and his successours, as agaynst the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of yorke, and their successours, and euery of theim, by what name or names or corporacions they be incorporate had called or reputed: any law statute or custome, or other thyng, to the contrary hereof had or made not withstandyng.

And where also the reuerende father in god Thomas archebyshop of Canturbury and primate of all England, by diuers sufficient deedes and good Conueiances, confirmed by the deane and chapitre of the cathedrall and metropolitical church of Christchurche of Canturbury, aswell in consideracion of diuers other manors landes tenementes hereditamentes, to him and his successours to be geuen and graunted by our saied soueraine lorde, as for other good considerations, hath geuen and graunted to our saied soueraigne lord, the manours of Charyng and Laybourne, and the castel of Laybourne vieu of frankpledge at Calehill, to be holden of all the tenantes and resiauntes within the saied manour of Charyng together with the aduousons and patronages of the rectories and churches of Charyng Laybourne & Ridley, with all their ryghtes membres & appurtenances in the countie of Kent. And the manours of Wyngheld, other-

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wise called Maughfield, the parkes of Mayghfielde and Franckeham, the rectories of Maughfielde and wadehurst, together with thaduousõs and patronages of the vicarages of Maughfielde and wadehurst, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Susser. And the manours of Harrow, otherwise called Harrow on the hill, woodhall, Heese, otherwise called Hays, Hegeston, otherwise called Heston, and Sudburie the parke called Pinnor parke, thaduouson and patronage of the personage and vicarage of the churche of Heese, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces, in the countie of Midõ. And the manour of Tryng, and the aduouson and patronage of the personage and rectory of the churche of Tryng, with all theyr ryghtes membres and appurtenaunces, in the countie of Herdforde: And also thaduouson and patronage of the personage and churche of Halton, in the countie of Buk. And also all other his manours landes tenementes rentes reuersiõs seruices courtes leetes viewes of frankeplege rightes fraunchyses libertees priuileges profittes commoditees and other hereditamentes in Charyng and Layborne in the saied countie of Kent, and in Mayghfielde Maughfield wadehurst woodhurst and Lamberhurst in the saied countie of Susser: And in Harrow woodhall Heese Hegeston, & Sudburie in the saied countie of Midõ. And in tryngе, in the saied countie of Herforde. To haue and to hold the saied manours, and all other the premisses, to our said soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours for euer: Except and reserued to the saied archebyshop and his successours all fynes and amerciamentes of all the tenauntes and resiauntes within the precinct of the saied leete or view of frankplege at Calehill out of the saied manour of Charyng.

For his highnes further and more perfect assurauncе to bee had and made of and in the saied manours and other the premisses, Be it enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that the kynges hyghnes our saied soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioye the saied manours of Charyng and Layborne, the castell of Layborne, view of frankeplege at Calehill, to bee holden of all the tenauntes and resiauntes within the saied manour of Charyng, and thaduousons and patronages of the rectories and churches of Charyng Layborne and Rydley, in the saied countie of Kent: And the saied manours of Mayghfielde otherwise called Maughfield the parkes of Maughfield and Frankehame, the rectories of Maughfield and Woodhurst, the aduousons and patronages of the vicarages of Mayghfeilde and wadehurst in the saied countie of Susser: And the saied manours of Harrow Woodehall Heese Hegeston Sudburie, the parke called Pynnor parke, thaduouson and patronage of the personage and vicarage of the churche of Heese in the saied countie of Midõ. The manour of Tryng, thaduouson and patronage of the personage and rectorie of the churche of Trynge in the saied countie of Herforde: Thaduouson and patronage of the personage and churche of Halton in the saied countie of Buck, with all their ryghtes membres li-

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herytages fraunchyses preheminences, and other hereditamentes what so euer to the saied manours rectories and other the premisses, or to any of theym belongynge, or that haue been accepted reputed or taken as parte parcell or membre of the saied manours rectories and other the premisses, or of any of theim, or with the same or any of them demised letten or occupied, in what counties or places so euer they or any of them bee situate lying or beynge: And all other the saied manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices courtes letes viewes of frankepledge rightes franchises libertees priuileges profites commodites and other hereditamentes in Charyng and Layborne in the saied countie of Kent, except before excepted. And in Mayfeild Maughfelde Wadehurst Woodhurst and Lamberhurst in the saied countie of Sussex: And in Harrow Harrow on the hill, Woodhall Heese Hays Hegeston Heston and Stubbure in the saied countie of Midd': And in Teynge in the saied countie of Hertforde, as well against the saied archebishop and his successours, as against the deane and chapiter of the saied cathedrall and metropoliticall churche of Canturburie and their successours, and euery of theim, by what name or names or corporacions they be incorporate had called or reputed: Any lawe statute custome or other thynge to the contrarye hereof had or made not withstandyng.

And where the reuerend father in god Edmond nowe bishop of London, for certaine good recompences and consideracion, by his dede dated the .ix. daie of Septembre, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges maiesties reigne, hath bargayned solde geuen and graunted to the kynges highnes the manours of Cheltelforde and Croidon, and the parke of Croydon, with all and singular their and euery their membres rightes and appurtenances, set lying and beyng in the countie of Esser, and all suche landes tenementes rentes seruices and hereditamentes, as be or haue ben reputed taken knowen or accepted as part parcell or membre of any of the said manours parke and the other premisses: To haue and to hold to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours for euer, as by the same dede more at large it maie and dooeth appeere. By reason of whiche saied bargayne the kynges highnesse was seised of the saied manours and the other premisses in his demesne as of fee, And the kynges highnes so beyng seised, for good consideracions his grace moueng, hath by his letters patentes, dated the seconde daie of Octobre, in the saied .xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, geuen and graunted to his trusty councellour syr William Peter knight, the saied manour of Croydon, and the saied parke of Croydon, with all the membres rightes and appurtenances, to haue and to hold the saied manour and parke of Croydon, with the membres rightes and appurtenance therunto belongyng, to the saied syr William Peter, his heyres and assignes, to the vse of the saied syr William Peter, his heires and assignes, to holde of the kynges highnes by the seruice of the fourth part of a knightes fee, and yeldyng and payeng to his highnes, his heires and

ſucceſſours perely in the court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne. xvii.s. iiii.d. in the name of the tenthes, as by the ſame letters patentes more at large it maie and doeth appere.

And for the more ſuretee and ſure makyng of the premiſſes, Be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thauctoritee of the ſame, that the kynges highnes, his heyres and ſucceſſours, ſhall haue holde and enioye for euer, the ſaied manour of Chelmesforde, with al the membres rightes and appurtenances to the ſame belongyng. And all ſuche landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as be reputed taken knowen or accepted, as part parcell or membre of the ſame manour of Chelmesforde.

And be it further enacted by the ſame auctoritee, that the ſaied ſyr William Peter, his heyres and aſſignes, ſhall haue holde and enioy for euer the ſaied manour of Crondon, and the ſaied parke of Crondon with al the membres rightes and appurtenãces to the ſame manour and parke belongyng or appertenyng: and all ſuche landes tenementes and hereditamentes as bee reputed taken knowen or accepted as part parcell or membre of the ſame manour and parke of Crondon. Sauyng to al and euery perſon and perſons, bodies politike and corporate, and to theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, and to the heyres and ſucceſſours of euery of them, other than to the ſaied Robert archebyſhop of yorke, and his ſucceſſours, and the ſaied deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of yorke, and their ſucceſſours: and the ſaied archebiſſhop of Canturbury, and his ſucceſſours, and the ſaied deane and chapiter of the ſaied cathedrall churche of Canturbury, and their ſucceſſours: and the ſaied biſſhop of London, and his ſucceſſours, and the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of ſaincte Paule in London, and their ſucceſſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of theim, all ſuche right title claim intereſt poſſeſſion rentes charges annuitees commons leaſes fermes offices fees couenauntes conditions bargaynes grauntes woodſales aduauntages and profittes, whiche they or any of them haue clayme vſe or demaunde or ought maie or might haue had vſed claimed or demaunded, into vpon or out of any the premiſſes, or into vpon or out of any part or parcell therof, in ſuche and the ſame like maner form and condition, to all intentes and purpoſes, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted by thauctoritee aforeſaid, that all the ſaied manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes in this preſent act mencioned, not beeyng expreſſely appoynted to the order and ſuruey of the ſaied court of the duchy ſhall bee and continue within the onely ſuruey order and rule of the kynges highnes court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crown: any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

Prouided alwaie and bee it enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if any rentes reuenues or profittes heretofore paied, paicable or leuiable for out or of any honors manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes beyng now, or that hereafter shalbe in the survey of any one of the courtes of the escheker, generall surueyours wardes and liueries, duchie of Lancastre, or the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, to or by reason of any honours manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, beyng now, or that hereafter shalbe in the order survey or gouernaunce of any of the saied courtes, that euery such rent reuenues and profittes, duryng the vnitee of the possession therof in the kynges handes: & so long as the same shal continue and be in the possession and seison of our saied soueraigne lord, shalbe paied by the officers of the said court, where the said honours manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, before they came to the kynges possession, were charged with any such rentes reuenues or profites, to the officers bailiffes and other ministers of the said court, haueng the survey of any suche honours manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whervnto any suche rentes reuenues or profites, before the said vnitee of possession therof in the kynges maiestee, were paied or leuiable: any law statute or other thyng to the contrary not withstandyng.

An act that doctours of ciuill law, beyng maried, maie exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Cap. xvii.

IN most humble wise shew and declare vnto your highnesse, your most faithfull humble and obedient subiectes the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliamēt assembled, that where your most royal maiestee is, and hath alwaies iustly ben by the word of God supreme head in earth of the churche of England, and hath full power and auctoritee, to correct punishe and represse all manes of heresies, errours, vices, synnes, abuses, idolatries, hipocrisies, and superstitions, sprongen and growyng within the same, and to exercise all other maner of iurisdictions, commonly called ecclesiastical iurisdiction: Neuertheless the bysshop of Rome and his adherentes mynding vtterly as muche as in him laie to abolysshe, obscure, and delete suche power, geuen by god to the princis of the earth, whereby they myght gather, and geat to them selfes the gouernement and rule of the worlde, haue in their counsailes and synodes prouinciall made ordeyned and established, and decreed diuers ordinances and constitucions, that no laie, or maried man shuld or might exercise or occupie any iurisdiction ecclesiastical, nor shuld be any iudge or regester in any court, cōmonly called ecclesiasticall court, lest their false and vsurped power, whiche they pretended and went about to haue in Christes churche, shuld decay, waxe vile, and of no reputacion, as by

as by the saied counsayles and constitucions prouincial appereth: which standyng and remaynyng in their effect, not abolished by your graces lawes, dyd sound to appere to make greatly for the saied vsurped power of the said bishop of Rome, and to be directly repugnant to your maiestee of supreme head of the churche and prerogatyue royall, your grace beyng a lay man. And albeit the saied decrees, ordinances and constitucions, by a statute made in the .xxb. yere of your most noble reigne, be vtterly abolyshed, frustrate, and of none effect, yet because the contrary therunto is not vsed nor put in practise by the archebysshoppes bysshoppes, archedeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons, who haue no maner of iurisdiction ecclesiasticall, but by, vnder, and from your royall maiestee, it addeth or at the least maie geue occasion to some euill disposed persones, to thynke and little to regarde the procedynges and censures ecclesiasticall made by your highnesse and your vicegerent, officials, commissaries, iudges, and visitators, beyng also lay and maried men, to be of little or none effect or force, wherby the people gathereth hert and presumption to doe euill, and not to haue suche reuerence to your most godly Iniunctions and procedynges, as becommeth them. But for as muche as your maiestee, is the onely and vndoubtedly supreme head of the churche of England and also of Ireland, to whom by holy scripture all auctoritee and power is wholly geuen, to heare and determine all maner causes ecclesiasticall, and to correct vice and synne what so euer, and to al suche persons as your maiestee shall appoinct there vnto: That in consideracion therof, as well for the instruction of ignoraunt persons, as also to a voyde the occasion of the opinion aforesaied, and the settyng forth of your prerogatiue royall and supremicy. It maie therfore please your highnes, that it maie be ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and synguler persons, as well lay as those that now be maried or hereafter shal be maried, beeyng doctours of the ciuill law, laufully create and made in any vniuersitee, which shall be made, ordeyned constituted and deputed to be any Chauncellour vicar generall commissary officiall Scribe or register by your maiestee or any of your heyres or successours, or by any archebisshop bisshop archedeacon or other person what so euer, hauyng auctoritee vnder your maiestee your heires and successours to make any chãcellour, vicar generall, commissary, officiall, or register maie laufully execute and exercise all maner of iurisdiction commonly called ecclesiasticall iuisdiction, and all censures and coercions apperteinyng or in any wise belongyng vnto the same, all be it suche persone or personnes be lay maried or vnmaried, so that they be doctours of the ciuill law, as is aforesaied: any law, constitucion, or ordenaunce to the contrary not withstandyng.

AN ACT for the erection of. viii. honours, Westm. Kyngston vpon Hull, Saynt Olithes, and Donnyngton. Cap. xviii.



For diuers sundry vrgent and necessarie causes and consideracions, the kynges maiestee specially mouyng, be it enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the kyng our souerayne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, That his highnes duryng his naturall life (whiche almighty God longe preserue) shall haue full power and auctoritee from tyme to tyme, in these places hereafter folowyng, to erect ordeyne and make, by his maiestees ioynt or seuerall letters patentes vnder his great seale and proclamacions, as well the seuerall honours hereafter ensuyng, That is to saie, within his graces citee of Westm. one honour, and at his highnes towne of Kyngston vpon Hull, in the countie of Hul, one other honour, and at his castel of Donyngton, in the countie of Berk. the thirde honor, and at sainct Olythes in the countie of Essex, the fourth honour: as also suche and so many other honours, in any other place and places within this realme of England and Wales, or any other his graces dominions, as to his excellent wisedome shall be thought meete and conuenient: And that his highnes shall also haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, from tyme to tyme, duryng his highnes naturall lyfe, by any suche letters patentes and proclamacions, to prescribe assygne and appoynt, what sites places structures and buildynges, whereof his highnesse is or shall bee seased of one estate of inheritaunce, shall be taken and adiudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the saied honours to be erected, and of euery of them, and to vnite and annexe to euery of the saied honours, so to bee erected or made, all and syngular suche hundredes forestes manours chaces parkes sites of monasteries graunges landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices free warren franchises townshippes hamelettes villages lybertees, and all other suche hereditamentes profites and commoditees, lyng or being in any place within this realme of England, whereof his grace is or shall be then seised of one estate of inheritaunce, as shall be conteyned within the limittes and boundes to be declared especified or expressed in any suche letters patentes and proclamacions. And that euery of the saied capitall partes and places, as is aforesaied, to bee assigned and appoynted, to gether with the hundredes forestes manours parkes chases sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruyces fraunchyses lybertees and all other hereditamentes to them (as is aboue mencioned) to be vnited and annexed, immediately after suche proclamacion made in the shyre, where the capitall part or place of any suche honour or honours shall lie or be, shall from henceforth bee called or named an honour and by suche name and with suche addicion or

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addicions, as in the same letters patentes, and proclamacions shall by the kynges highnesse be expressed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that where the kynges maiestee is seised of one estate of inheritance of and in his graces honour and castel of Wyndesore, in the countie of Berk. with al his ryghtes membres and appurtenaunces, and of and in all that his graces honour of Bealeu, in the countie of Essex, with all and singular his ryghtes membres and appurtenances: that his highnesse shal haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, as well to vnyte knitte and annexe to eyther of the saied honours of Wyndesore and Bealeu, as to any other honour within this his graces realme of Englande, by any suche letters patentes and proclamacions, suche and so many hundredes forestes manours parkes chaces townеshippes villages hamelettes sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes reuenues rentes reuersions seruices free warren fraunchises liberties and all suche hereditamentes profyttes and commodities, lyng or beyng in any place or places within this realme of Englande, wherof his highnesse is or then shalbee seysed of one estate of inheritance, as shall be conteyned within the limittes or boundes to be declared especified or expressed in any such letters patentes and proclamacions therof hereafter to bee had or made. And that the same hundres forestes manours parkes chases townеshyppes villages hamelettes sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices free warren franchises liberties and euery of theim, and all and singular other hereditamentes profittes and commodities so to be vnited and annexed to any of the saied honours of Wyndesore or Bealeu, or to any other honour, wherof the kynges highnesse is now seised of estate of inheritaunce, or to any honour hereafter to be erected, at Westm̃, Kyngston vpon Hull, Donyngton, and sayncte Osythes, or in any other place or places within this realme of Englande, and other the kynges dominions, or to any of them by his highnesse, in maner and fourme aforesaied, shall immediately after suche letters patentes and proclamacions therof made, bedemed adiudged and taken, and also from henseforth shall bee part parcell and membres of the same honour, where vnto they shall be so assigned annexed and vnited. And that all and syngular manours parkes chases sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruices free warren franchises liberties and euery of them, lyng or beyng in any towne parishe or hamelette, whiche shal be within the limittes to be conteined in any such letters patentes and proclamacions, wher of and of the whiche the kynge our soueraigne lorde, his heyres or successours shall be at any tyme hereafter seised of any estate of inheritaunce by discent from any of the kynges graces noble progenitours, or by eschete, or other wyse by forfauture comyng to the handes of his highnesse his heires or successours shall from tyme to tyme, as they or any of them shall so come to the handes and possessions of his highnesse his heyres or succes-

sours, be vnited annexed deemed and adiudged to all intentes and pour-
poses, as part parcell and membre of suche and the same of the saied ho-
nours, within whose limittes and boundes the same shall lie and be.

And further be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaied, that all and syn-
gular the tenauntes, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and
all and singular persones, whiche owe sute to any of the saied manours
or to any leete lawdaie or courtes to be holden within the precinct of any
of them, and the heires successours and assygnes of euery of the saied te-
nauntes, shall doe their duelties seruices and customes, and paie their ren-
tes to the saied sundry manours, and in suche tyme as they dyd or ought
to doe before the makyng of this present act. And that the saied tenauntes
and suiters and euery of theim, or the heires successours and assygnes of
them, or any of them, at any tyme hereafter shal not be charged or charge-
able to or with any other seruices sutes customes rentes or other charges
nor to be compelled to doe or paie the same at ne in any other place or pla-
ces: nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged other-
wise than they were or ought to dooe before the makyng of this act: any
thyng therin conteined the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaie, that this act or any thyng therin conteyned, shall
not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any persone or persones, their heyres ex-
ecutours successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or co-
uenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of theim of the
saied manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell thereof, or
of any leases grauntes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted
of any the saied manours landes tenementes & other the premisses, wher-
of the kynges highnesse his heires or successours shal hereafter be seised of
one estate of inheritance, by purchase forfapture eschete or otherwyse (as
is aforesaied) lyng and beeyng within any the limyttes and boundes to
be assigned and appoynted, as is aforesaied, by the owners of the saied
manour landes tenementes and other the premisses or any part or par-
cell thereof or by any of their ancettours or predecessours, or by any other
person or persones laufully auctorised by them or any of them for any de-
mise lease or graunt thereof so made or to be made: Any thyng in this act
to the contrary conteyned not withstandyng.

Furthermore alwaies sauyng as well to the maire and burgeses of
Kyngston vpon Hull, aforesaied, as also to euery other persone and per-
sons, bodies politique and corporate, their heires successours executours
and assignes, other than suche bodies politique and corporate, and suche
other persons as were or hereafter shal be parties and priuies to the bar-
gayne sales gyftes or grauntes or forfaitures of the saied manours and
other the premisses of any part thereof, and their wyues beyng examined
of the same, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, their heires and succes-
sours, and their heires and successours of euery of them, al such right title

vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes, for terme of lyfe lyues or yeres or otherwise, and all grauntes libertees francheses priuileges iurisdictions rentes charges profites couenauntes and all and euery other cõmoditee or commoditees, which they or any of theim haue myght or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue in of or to the premisses or any part or parcell of theim, in suche maner and fourme as though this act or any thyng therin conteined to the contrary therof, had neuer been had ne made: Any thyng in this present act to the contrary not withstandyng.

Be it also further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, That the saied honour of Windesore, and the saied honour, whiche the kynges maiestee entendeth to make at sainct Olithes, and all the manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, whiche be or at any tyme hereafter, by any suche letters patentes and proclamations, shall be made part parcell or membre of the saied honour of Windesore and sainct Olithes, or of eyther of theim: shall from henseforth bee in the ordre suruey rule and gouernaunce of the Court of the kynges generall surueyours, and to be granted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the same court been or ought to bee letten or graunted. And that all the rentes reuenues issues and profittes commyng and growyng within the saied honours of Wyndesore and saincte Olithes, and euery part thereof, shall be taken and receiued to the kynges vse by the mynisters and officers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the saied court of generall surueyours: Any act statute ordinaunce custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandyng. And that the said honour of Bealeu, and the saied honours, whiche the kynges hyghnes hereafter shall by the grace of god erect or make, at or within the said citee of Westminster, Kyngston vpon Hull, and Donyngton, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premisses aboue rehersed, whiche now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe made part and parcell of theim or any of theim, shall from henseforth bee in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentacions of our saied soueraigne lorde the kynges crowne, and to be graunted let and set to ferme by the officers and mynisters of the same court, in suche maner and forme as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court ben or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, commyng and growyng vpon the same manours and of euery part of theim and of euery of theim, shall be taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the mynisters and officers of the same court of Augmentacions, in suche maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the saied court of Augmentacions:

cions: Any act statute ordinaunce custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

And that euery other honour, whiche shall bee by the kynges highnes at any tyme hereafter duryng his life erected and made, or enlarged augmented or encreased by vnityng or annexyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes vnto any suche honour (as is aboue saied) in any other place than is aboue particularly by name expressed, and all and singular manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premisses aboue rehersed, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall be made part and parcel of any such honour, shal from hens forth be in the ordre surueye rule and gouernaunce of suche court of the kynges highnes, as the capitall and principall parte of the same honour shall bee in the rule surueye and gouernaunce of at the tyme of any suche erection, and makyng of the same, or vnityng or annexyng of any landes or possessions to any of the saied honours, and to be graunted let and sette to ferme, and the profittes issues and reuenues therof receiued and answered by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes appointed to the same court ben or ought to be.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that this act ne any thyng therin conteined be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtful to the Justices wardens stewardes lieuetenantes clerkes of the swanmotes of any forestes parkes or chaces, conteined in this act, or to be conteined in any the saied letters patentes and proclamacions for or concernyng any of theyr offices powers or auctoritees, but onely for and concernyng surueyng of woode and woodsales to be had and made in any the saied forestes parkes and chaces.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the mayster of the woodes, or other officers of the same court, shall yerelie paie or cause to bee paied of suche summes of money as shall yerely arise and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the said parkes forestes and chaces aforesaied, all and all maner of fees and wages, as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed to be paied for the exercisyng of any office within the saied parkes forestes and chaces, accordyng to a certificat by writyng therof to be made vnto the saied maisters of the woodes, by and from the Justices of the forestes or any of theim or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the saied maister of the woodes, for the tyme beyng, shall make paiement of all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in or vpon any pale rayle and lodge within any of the said parkes forestes and chaces, and assygne tymber for the same vpon any request therof to bee made in writyng, by and from any of the saied Justices of forestes: And the saied mayster of the

woodes

woodes ſhall allow all maner of fewell and bꝛouſe to bee ſpent and occupied within the ſaied foꝛeſtes and chaſes, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vſed and accuſtomed.

And it is alſo pꝛouided and enacted by thauctoꝛitee afoꝛeſaied, that the maiſter of the wooddes ſhall not make any woodſales within the parkes chaces and foꝛeſtes afoꝛeſaied oꝛ any of theim, but by the aſſent of the Juſtices of the foꝛeſtes foꝛ the tyme beyng, within whoſe auctoꝛitee ſuche foꝛeſtes chaſes and parkes been: Any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withſtandyng.

An act that fynes taken in the countie palantine of Lancaſter, ſhall be of lyke foꝛce, as fines knowlaged befoꝛe Juſtices of the common place. Cap. xix.

FOꝛ as muche as diuerſe good and beneficiall eſtatutes foꝛ the cõmoditee of the kinges ſubiectes within this realm, haue heretofoꝛe bene made, by auctoꝛitee of parliament concernyng the leuyng of fines with pꝛoclamacion, both foꝛ auoidyng of ſtrife, and alſo foꝛ the ſuretee of the kynges ſubiectes, to be had of and in landes tenementes and hereditamentes by them purchaſed oꝛ obteined: which good and beneficial eſtatutes do not extend to fines leuied in the countie palantine of Lancaſtre, Be it therfoꝛe oꝛdeined and enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne loꝛd, and the loꝛdes ſpiritual and tempoꝛal and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoꝛitee of the ſame parliament, that all and ſinguler fines, whiche at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe leuied oꝛ knowlaged befoꝛe the Juſtices of our ſouerayngne loꝛde the kyng, oꝛ of his heires oꝛ ſucceſſours of the countie palantine of Lancaſtre, commonly called Juſtices of aſſiſe at Lancaſtre, oꝛ befoꝛe one of theim, of any landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes liyng, oꝛ beyng within the countie palantine of Lancaſtre, which ſhalbe openly red and pꝛoclaimed thꝛee ſeuerall dates in the open ſeſſions in the pꝛeſence of the Juſtices of aſſiſe at Lancaſtre, oꝛ of one of them, foꝛ the tyme beyng at the ſame ſeſſions, that the ſame fine ſhall foꝛtune to bee ingroſſed, and alſo that ſhalbe openly red and pꝛoclaimed in the pꝛeſence of the Juſtices of Aſſiſe at Lancaſtre, oꝛ of one of them foꝛ the tyme beyng at the two next general ſeſſions, that ſhalbe holden in the ſaied countie palantine of Lancaſtre befoꝛe the Juſtyces of the ſame countie, commonly called Juſtices of Aſſiſe of Lancaſtre, oꝛ befoꝛe one of theim next after the leuyng oꝛ ingroſſyng of ſuche ſaied fine at thꝛee ſeuerall daies in either of the ſaied two ſeſſions, after ſuche maner and foꝛme as is commonly vſed in the kynges court of his common place at Weſtm. ſhall be of lyke foꝛce ſtrength and effect in the law to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as fines beyng duely leuied with pꝛoclamacions befoꝛe the kinges Juſtices of his common place, be oꝛ ought to be of.

An act

¶ An act for tenure of landes of .xl. s. or vnder. Cap. xx.

Where in the parliament holden at Westm̃, the .xiiii. daie of January, in the .xxxv. yere of the kynge our moste gracious soueraygne lordes reigne, it was amonge other thynges enacted ordeyned and establysshed, that from the xxiiii. daie of Aprill then next folowyng, the same our souereaigne lorde the kynges highnes, his heires or successours vpon any letters patentes of any maners landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, not exceedyng the clere yerelie value of forty shillynges, belongyng to any of the late monasteries or religious houses, which came to his graces handes, by the act of parliament, made at Westm̃, in the .xxvii. yere of his moste gracious reygne: And vpon any of his or theyr letters patentes, made of any houses tenementes cotages or gardaines, whervnto no landes or hereditamentes did apperteine, not beyng any of the kynges pryncely houses, reserued and kept by a keper thereof to his gracis vse, whiche were belongyng to any of the saied late monasteries or religiouse houses, comprysed in the saied act, made in the saied .xxvii. yere of our saied souereaigne lorde the kynges reygne: By whiche letters patentes any estate of inheritance shulde or might passe from the kynges highnesse, his heires or successours, might reserue vpon the same letters patentes to his highnesse his heires and successours at his and their owne will and pleasure, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in Capite, or els a tenure in socage, or free burgage, and not in Capite: any law custome vsage, or any other thyng to the contrary therof not withstandyng, as by the same act made in the saied .xxxv. yere of our saied souereaigne lorde the kynges reigne emongest other thynges more playnely appereth. For as muche as dyuers and sundry ambiguitees and doubtes haue rysen and growen sythen the makyng of the saied act in the saied .xxxv. yere of our saied souereaigne lorde the kinges reigne, as well vpon the exposicion of the wordes conteined in the saied act, in that that the saied act doeth not extende to any landes or tenementes, other then suche as be expressed in the saied act, made in the saied .xxvii. yere of our saied souereaigne lorde the kynges reigne, as also vpon the tenures of diuers mauours landes tenemeutes and hereditamentes by his highnesse geuen and graunted sythen the saied .xxiiii. daie of Aprill, in the saied .xxxv. yere of his moste noble reygne:

Be it therefore now ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all manours landes tenementes rentes reuenues personages tithes and other hereditamentes, not beyng at the tyme of the makyng of any suche letters patentes heretofore made sithen the saied .xxiiii. daie of Aprill, aboue the clere yerely value of forty shillynges: and all houses mesuages cotages courtilages orchardes pardes and gardeynes, whervnto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes were belonging or apperteynyng, not beyng any of the kynges pryncely houses, reserued

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and kept by a keper therof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles they or any of them came vnto his maiesties handes, heretofore geuen or graunted by his maiestee, to any person or persons or bodies politike, sithen the saied. xxiii. date of Aprill, in the saied. xxvi. yere of his reygne, by his letters patentes, wherby any estate of inheritance hath passed from his highnesse: to hold the same of his highnes his heyres and successours by fealtee onely, or by fealtee onely and not in Capite, or in socage or free burgage, or by fealtee onely in free and cõmon socage, or by fealtee onely in free and common socage and not in Capite, or by any maner of such like wordes in effect: Or to holde the same by fealtee, as of any of his graces honours manours or landes, or by fealtee onely, as of any of his graces honours manours or landes, and not in Capite, or by any suche like wordes in effect: shall from the date of euery suche letters patentes be adiudged taken and demed to all intentes and purposes, to be holden in socage or burgage, and not incapite, according vnto the verie expresse and playne wordes conteined in any suche letters patentes, without any further implicacion construction or explanacion of the law therof to bee made or had by any person or persons agaynst the same, and in no maner of wyse to be deemed adiudged or taken to be holden in capite, any ambiguitee doubt or other thyng heretofore risen or moued, or hereafter to be moued stered or sette forth to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the kynges highnesse, his heires or successours, at any tyme or tymes within fyue yeres, next after the first date of Nouembre last past, shall and maie at his or their owne willes and pleasure, vpon any letters patentes made or hereafter to be made of any manours landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruices personages tythes portions pencions, and other hereditamentes, not beyng rated or valued at the tyme of the makyng of any suche letters patentes aboue the summe of forty shyllynges by yere, whereby any estate of inheritaunce hath or shall passe from his hyghnes, his heyres or successours (houses mesuages cotages orchardes yardes and gardeins, whereunto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes do appertayne onely except) And also shall and maie vpon any lyke letters patentes hereafter to bee made within the saied fyue yeres, of any houses mesuages cotages orchardes yardes curtilagis or gardins, wherunto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes do appertaine, not beyng any of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kept by a keper thereof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles the said manors landes tenementes rentes reuersions seruices personages tithes portions pencions houses tenementes cotages gardyns and other the premisses or any of them, so to be geuen or graunted, be come, or hereafter shall come to his graces handes, his heires or successours, reserue either a tenure by knyghtes seruice in capite, or els a tenure by fealtee, or in socage or burgage, and not in capite. And that all and singular the saied seuerall tenures as well heretofore

tofore reserued and made sithen the saied.xxiiii.date of Aprill, in the saied xxv.yere of our said soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, as hereafter with in the saied fiue yeres next hereafter folowyng, to bee reserued or made, and hauyng these wordes, et non in capite, shall from the date of euery suche letters patentes be demed adiudged and taken to be tenours in socage or burgage, and not in capite. And that the patentees of the same manors landes tenementes and other the premisses or any part thereof, their heyres and assignes, and euery other person and persons hauyng the same or any part therof, shall holde the same manours landes tenementes houses cotages and other hereditamētes, comprised in any suche letters patentes of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, his heyres and successours, and hauyng the saied wordes, et non in capite, by the seruice of fealtee in socage or burgage, accordyng to the expresse woordes conteyned in any suche letters patentes: and shall not holde the same or any part thereof, of our saied soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours in chiefe or in capite: nor shalbe compelled by reason onely of the same, to sue any liuery, make fine for alienacion, or sue any licence or pardone for any alienacion onely therof. And the heire and heyres of euery suche patentee, or of their heires or assignes, or of any other, hauyng any estate right or title, of in or to the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, and hauyng no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes in capite, shall and maie freely and laufully, after the death of any suche patentee, their heires or assignes, or other person or persons, hauyng any suche estate right or title, enter into the saied manours landes tenementes houses cotages and other hereditamentes, comprised or to bee comprised in any suche letters patentes, without sewyng of liuerie, oustre le maine, or any fine or fee to be paied for any liuery onely thereof, to our saied soueraygne lorde the kyng, his heires or successours for the same, by reason onely of suche tenure in socage or burgage, expressed or to be expressed in any of the said letters patentes: any law custome or vsage heretofore had or vsed to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ An act for the vnion of churches not exceedyng the value of .vi. li. Cap.xxi.

Where in diuers and sundry places within this realme of Englande, there be many and sundry personages, the glebes tithes and yerely reuennes and profites wherof be not sufficient to fynde a preest or curate to serue or mynister to the parishners thereof, within a myle or lesse of the churche, of whiche poore personages there is in many places an other churche perteynyng to an other parishe, standyng as necessary and commodiously for the accesse of the parysheners of the other poore parishe, as theyr owne doeth: And for as muche as the charges for the

the mayntenance of suche two churches and chappelles with all maner of
reparacions ornamentes and other accustomed duetie perteinyng to a
churche, be muche greatter than maie be wel reised or borne amongest su-
che poore parishners, and might and shulde be eased and remedied by the
vnityng and knittyng of suche two churches in one. It may therefore
pleas the kynges royall maiestee, with the assent of his lordes spirituall
and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled,
and by the auctoritee of the same, that it maie be enacted and established,
that a vnion or consolidation of two churches in one, or of a churche and
chapell in one, the one of theim not beyng above the yerely value of fyve
poundes, as it is rated and valued at to the kynges highnes, in his court
of the first fruites and tenthes, and not distant from the other above one
mile in any place or places within this realme of Englande, maie be from
hensforth had or made by the assent of the ordinarie and ordinaries of the
diocese, where suche churches and chapelles standen, and by the assentes
of the incumbentes of them, and of all suche as haue a iust ryght title and
interest to the patronages of the same churches and chapels, beyng then
of full age. And that all suche vnions and consolidacions had or made of
two churches in one, or of a churche and chapell in one, as is aforesaied,
shall be good sufficient lawfull firme stable and auayleable in the law to
remayne endure and continue for euer vnited and knitte in one, in suche
maner and fourme, as by writyng or writynges vnder the seale of suche
ordinaries incumbentes and patrons it shall be declared and sette forth.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that all vnyo-
ons and consolidacions of all churches and chapelles, muche haue here-
tofore ben vnited or knitte together in one by the assent of the ordinaries
incumbentes and true and lawfull patrons in fee simple of theim, as is a-
foresaied, shall also remayne and be from hensforth adiudged and demed
in the law to endure and continue for euer vnited and knitte in one, with-
out any dissolucion vndoyng vnknittyng or repeale of theim or any of
theim by any maner of meane or wate. Sauyng vnto the kynges maie-
stee, his heyres and successours all the tenthes and first fruites of all su-
che churches and chapels, as be heretofore vnited or consolidated in one,
or that hereafter shal be vnited and consolidated in one, accordyng to the
same or suche like rates and valuacions as the same churches and chapel-
les or any of them now are rated or valued at to the kinges saied maiestee,
in his saied highnes court of the first fruites and tenthes.

Prouided alwaie, that all vnions and consolidacions, and euery of
theim, hereafter to be had or made of any churche or chapell within any
citee or towne corporate within this realme of Englande without the as-
sent of the maire shiriffes and comminaltee of the citee, where suche chur-
ches churche or chappell be or shalbe: Or without the assent of suche bo-
dies corporate of other townes corporate, where suche churches churche
or chappell be or shalbe, by the names of their corporacions in writyng vn-

der their common seale, shall be clerely voyde and of no force ne effect: any thyng before expressed, or any ordinance law custome or statute to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

Prouided also that where the inhabitauntes of any suche poore parisshe, or the more parte of them, within one yere next after the union or consolidacion of the same patysshe, by their writyng sufficient in the law, shall assure the incumbent of the saied parisshe for the yerely paiement of so muche money, as with the summe that the saied parisshe is rated and valued at in the kynges highnesse saied court of the first fruites and tenthes, shall amount to the full summe of. viii. li. sterlyng, to be leuied and paied yerely by the saied inhabitantes to the saied incumbent and his successours: that than all suche unions or consolidacions hereafter to be had or made of any suche poore parisshe, as is afore saied, shall bee voyde and of none effect: any thyng statuted or ordeyned to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, that this saied prouiso shall not extende to any union or consolidacion of any churche or chappell had or made before the makyng of this estatute: any thyng in the saied prouiso mencioned to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

An act to stil by the Iuries De circumstantibus. Cap. xxii.

Be it enacted and established by the kynge our soueraygne lorde the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that the act for none apparaunce in iuries to haue De circumstantibus, made at Westm at the parliament holden the xxvi. yere of our said souerayngne lordes reigne shall continue and remaine vnto the end of the next parliament in his full force and strength, in as ample maner, as in the said act is purported.

An act for the continuance of certayne statutes. Cap. xxiii.

Where in the parliament begun and holden at London, the third date of Nouembre in the .xxi. yere of the reygne of our most dread souerayngne lorde kynge Henry the eight, and from thens adiorned to Westm, and there holden and continued by dyuers prorogations vnto the dissolucion therof, an act was made and established declaryng and concernyng as wel how aged poore and impotent persons compelled to lyue by almes shulde be ordered and sted, and also how vacabundes & myghty strong beggers shuld be whipped and punished, and at the said parliament one other act was made & established, for the restraint of carryng and conueiyng of horses and mares out of this realm, which said two

seuerall

seuerall actes were also made to endure to the last date of the next parliament, as by the same two seuerall actes more plainely appereth: and also one other act was there made in the saied parliament for the true makyng of rables halters and ropes, and also one other act for the true winding of wolles, and one other act to restraine killyng of waniyng bullockes steres and heyfers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, whiche saied three seuerall actes last before remembred, were then made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainely appereth. and where also in the same parliament one other act was made and established, for the atteyntes to be sued for the punishement of peruerse, vpon vntrue verdictes. And also one other act was made there in the saied parliament, concernyng sowyng of flaxe and hempe, all whiche two seuerall actes laste before rehersed were then made and ordeyned to continue and endure, to the last date of the next parliament, as by the same two seuerall actes more plainly at large is shewed and made appere: And where also in the saied parliament, one other acte was made and established, for makyng of Jailes in dyuers shires of this realme, whiche same act was then made to continue and endure for one yere next after the ende of the saied parliament, as by the same acte also more playnely appereth. And where also in the parliament, begun and holden at westm. the .xxiii. date of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reygne of our saied most dread soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntill the dissolucion therof, it was ordeyned and enacted that all and singular the saied actes above remembred, and euery of them should continue and endure, in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the last date of the next parliament, as by the same amonges other thinges therein conteyned more plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at westm. the .xxiii. day of April and there continued vntill the .xxviii. date of June in the .xxx. yere of the reygne of our saied most dread soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the eyght, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoryte of the same parliament, that all and singular the saied seuerall actes above remembred, and euery of them, and all thinges articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shuld continue and endure in their force and strength and also be obserued and kept, vntill the last date of the next parliament, as by the same act emonges other thynges therein conteined, more plainely appereth. And where also the last session of the same parliament, begun at westm. the .xxiii. day of April in the saied .xxx. yere of the kynges most noble reygne, and there by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the .xxiiii. day of June in the .xxxii. yere of our saied soueraigne lorde the kynges reygne, there was one other act made and established, for and concernyng diuers offices, ministeryng, clerkes, and attournyes, whiche saied late last session and the prorogacions were made to endure vntyll the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein conteined

teined moze plainely appereth. And where in the same parliament, an act was made concernyng byyng of fysshe vpon the sea, and one other act was made concernyng the makyng of wozsted yarne, in the county of Norff. as by the same two actes moze at large it maie and doeth appeere. And also one other act was there made in the saied parliament foz reasonable pzices of wines to be sette, and one other act was made there in the said parliament concernyng the ozderyng and dischargyng of shyrreffes by their oathes, vpon their accoumptes, as by the same two actes last recited moze plainly in the same actes it doeth appeere. And foz as muche as all and singular the saied seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial foz the common welth of this realme, be it therfoze enacted and ozdeyned, by the auctozitee of this pzesent parliament, that the saied act concernyng the byyng of fysshe vpon the sea, and the saied act concernyng and declaryng how aged and impotent persons compelled to liue by almes shoulde be ozdered and vsed, and also how vacabundes and mighty stronge beggers, shulde be whipped and punished, and all the residue of the actes and statutes aboue mencioned, and euery of theim, and all clauses, artickles, and pzouisions, in theim and euery of theim conteined, shall continewe and endure in their foze and strength and bee obserued and kept in all thinges, vnto the last date of the next parliament. And where in the saied act concernyng the setting of pzices of wynes, it is conteined that the lozd chauncellour of Englande, lozde treasorer, lozde president of the kynges councell, lozde pziuie seale and the two chiefe iustices, or .iii. or .iiii. of them, should haue power and auctozitee by their discrecions, to sette the pzices of all kyndes of wines, as by the same act moze plainely appereth, be it now ozdeyned and enacted by the auctozitee of this pzesent parliament, that the said lozd chauncellour, lozd treasourer, lozde pzesident, lozde pziuy seale, and the two chiefe iustices, or .iii. or .iiii. of theim shall yerely sette the pzices of all kyndes of the saied wynes mencioned in the saied, fozmer act betwene the .xx. date of Nouembze, and the last date of Decembze, and at no other tyme or tymes, and that all and euery person selling in grosse or by retayle, any of the saied wynes mencioned in the same act, shall not sell any of the same wynes aboue the pzices, so by them set, vpon suche payne and fozfaiture as bee made and pzouided in the same statute made at Westm. the .xxvii. yere of the regne of our saied most dradde soueraig lozde the kyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee aforesaid, that if any person or persones, that now haue or hereafter shal haue any maner of wynes to sell by grosse within any citee bozough or towne corporate, or any other haueth corporate towne or townes within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions or territozies of the same, and do at any time hereafter refuse to sell any kynde of the same wines according to the pzices as now, or at any time hereafter shalbe limited and apointed by the said lord chancellour, lozde treasozer, lozde pzesident, lozde pziuie seale, and other the said

chiefe Justices, or by any fiue. iiii. or iii. of theim: that then it shalbe lawfull to the Maire of the citee of London, Recorder of the same citee, and two of the auncient aldermen of the same citee, beyng no vintners, for the tyme beyng: and to the Maire bayliffes aldermen, and other the head officers, or to any two of theim, whereof the Mayre or chiefe Alderman or bayliffe to be one, within all and euery other citee borough and port town within this realme, wherin any wynes no wbe, or hereafter shall be to sell: to enter into the houses cellars and places of al and euery such owner and owners of the same wynes, in any of the said citees boroughes and port towne, and the same wynes lawfully to sell, to the vse of the owners of the same wynes, to any person and persones willyng to bie the same, according to such prices and rate, as by the said lord Chancellour, lorde treasorer, lorde president, lorde priuy seale, and the said two chiefe Justices, or by any. v. iiii. or iii. of theim, is or hereafter shalbe set limitted and assigned, according to the tenour of the said act, made in the said. xxviii. yere of the kynges maiesties reygne.

¶ An acte for the confirmacion of a Subsidie graunted by the clergie Cap. xxiiii

Where the prelates & the Clergy of the prouince of Caunterbury haue louyngly and liberally for certaine considerations, geuen and graunted to the kynges maieste, a Subsidie of sixe shillynges of the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singular the spirituall promocions within the same prouince, durying the terme of two yeres now next ensuyng, in suche certayne maner and fourme, and with diuerse exceptions and prouisions, specified and conteined in a certayne instrument by them therof made and deliuered to the kynges highnes vnder the seale of tharchebyshop of Caunterbury, as in the same instrument exhibited in this present parliament more plainly it doeth appere, the tenour wherof ensueth in these wordes.

The prelates and clergy of the prouince of Canterbury (your highnesse most humble and most bounden daiely orators (conslderyng and weyghyng thinestimable cost and charges, whiche your most royall maiestee of longe season hath susteined, and continually susteineth, farre exceding the expenses of any your noble progenitours by sundry occasions, and amonges other by reason of the most weightie affaires of your warres, in mayntenyng of your great puissant and mighty armies, both in Scotland and Fraunce, by land & by the seas, for the defence and publike welth of this your realme, and other your dominions. Conslderyng also how that in suche vrgent necessitees and occasions, it is most conuenient, that all membres doe suffre and beare with their naturall heade, by whom the wholl bodie is gouerned staied directed and preserued, and

ſpecially ſuche membres as by the ſame head receiue moſt benefite and re-
liefe. We therefore your obedient clergie both acknowlage our moſt boun-
den duetie and office towardes our maieſtie our chiefe heade vnder al-
mighty God: and alſo callyng to your myndes, how that aboue all other
your louyng ſubiectes, we be moſt bounden vnto your excellencie for ma-
ny cauſes and benefittes, and ſingulerly among other for the ſpeciall qui-
etneſſe, whiche we enioy by your maieſties godly prouidence in this moſt
buſie and troublous tymes, enioyng in the myddes of the moſte cruell
and deadly warres, the benefite commodities and fruite of peace and qui-
etneſſe, hauyng alwaies tranquill opportunitee, without impediment of
diſturbance, to applie our ſelfe onely to ſerue God in ſuche wiſe as to our
voracion and duities appertaineth: haue of our owne mere louyng ten-
der myndes and good will geuen and graunted, and by theſe preſentes do
geue and graunt vnto your maieſtee, a ſubſidie towardes your ſaied char-
ges, in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to ſaie, that euery archebi-
ſhop biſhop deane archedeacon prebendarie prouoſt maiſter of colleges,
maiſter of hoſpitalles, perſone vicare chauntrie prieſt, and euery other
perſon and perſons, of what ſo euer name or degree he or they be, enioyng
any ſpirituall promocion, or other temporall poſſeſſions to the ſame ſpiri-
tuall promocion annexed, nowe not diuided nor ſeparate by act of par-
liament or otherwiſe from the poſſeſſion of the clergy, ſhall pate to your
highneſſe for euery pound that he maie yerely ſpend by reaſon of the ſaied
ſpirituall promocion, the ſumme of fiue ſhillynges. And for the true
and certaine knowlage of the yerely values of the ſaied promocions, and
euery of theim, wherof the paiement ſhulde be made, the rate taracion and
valuacion and eſtimacion remaiuyng of recorde in your maieſtees court
of the firſte fruttes and tenth, for the paiement of the perpetuall diſme,
concernyng all ſuche promocions, as bee in poſſeſſion of your Clergie, or
any other not diuided by act of parliament or otherwiſe (as is aforeſaied)
ſhall be folowed and obſerued without makyng any valuacion rate tara-
cion or eſtimacon other than in your ſaied recorde is compriſed.

Prouided alwaies that for as muche as the tenth parte of the ſaied
valuacion and rate before mencioned, is yerely paied to your hyghnes for
the perpetuall diſme, ſo as there remayneth onely nine partes to the incū-
bent clere, this ſubſidie, of fiue ſhillynges of the pounde ſhall bee vnder-
ſtande of the ſame nyne partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies that no perſon, that is already promoted to any
ſpirituall benefice ſithen the firſt date of Maie laſt paſte before the date
hereof, or that hereafter ſhall be promoted to any ſpirituall benefice, on
this ſide the firſt date of Maie, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde god
a thouſande fiue hundred fortie and ſeuen, ſhall be contributorie or char-
ged to your hyghneſſe with any parte of this ſubſidie, duryng the fyrſte
yere of his ſaied promocion.

Your ſaied prelates and clergie alſo grant, that this ſubſidie of. vi. s.
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of the pound of the yerely clere value of euery promocion tared as afore, shall be paied to your maiestee within two yeres next insuyng the date hereof, at the Recept of your graces Threasorarie of your court of fyrst fruites and tenthes, or to any other persone or persones, whom it shall please your highnes to appoynt thervnto, that is to saie, three shillynges of euery pound in euery of the saied two yeres, at suche dates and tymes as hereafter foloweth: that is to saie, At the fyrst date of Maie next insuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god, a thousande fiue hundred forty and six. And in the saied first date of Maie then next folowyng, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde God a thousande fiue hundred fortie and seuen.

Item we your gracis said prelates and clergie also graunt, that euery priest, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolucion of any of the late monasteries colleges and hospitalles, or any other inpropriacion within the saied prouince of Canturbury, shall likewise paie to your highnesse vi.s. of euery pounde of the saied pensions, within the saied two yeres, at suche date and tyme as is before specified: And that for the sure paiement therof a deduction and retencion of the saied six shillynges be made in the handes of the paiers of the saied pencion, after the proporcion of vi.s. of the pounde, euery of the saied two yeres to be deliuered and paied vnto your maiestees vse at such tyme, and to suche persons, as the Sublime of vi.s. aforesaied shall be paied vnto.

Item your saied prelates and clergy also graunt, that euery priest receiuyng annuall stipende, bryng no perpetuitee, within the saied prouince, shall paie vnto your gracis vse .vi.s. viii.d. in euery of the same two yeres, at the same daies, and vnder the same penalties as the rest of the clergie doe paie for their promocions.

Item the same prelates and clergie further graunten, that euery archebyshop and byshop, and the see beyng vacant, euery deane and chapter of that see boyde, shall bee collectours of this subsidie within their proper diocese.

And for the better recouery of the saied collection your saied prelates and clergie humbly beseechen your highnesse, that they maie haue full power and auctoritee, by your maiestee and high court of parliament, to vse all suche waies meanes and processes, as be prescribed in your act of your perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuyng of the same: and shall make accompt therof before the chauncellour or treasorer and other officers of your graces court of first fruites and tenth, or in suche other place, as it shall please your highnesse to appoynt, in suche wise, and after suche fourme onely, as the saied archebishop and bisshoppes be now charged for the collections of the perpetuall disme: whereby is ment, how the lacke and default of paiement of and for any particular promocion, shall onely charge the incumbent, and such as be bounde to paie the same,

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and that vpon such peynes as be prouided in that act of perpetuall disme agaynst them that make default in that behalfe. And that the archedishop bishop or deane & chapter, gatherynge that they can receiue, & makynge paiment therof, shall for the rest, not by them receiued, be discharged by their certificat to be made by the first date of August in euery of the saied two yeres, into your court of first fruites and tenth. And .vi.d. of euery pound, wherwith the collectours shall be charged in his accompt, clerely to bee paied into the saied receipt, or into suche other place as it shall please your excellency to appoynt, shall be allowed to the same collectour for his saied accompt for the same, for the charges and collection portage and faulte conueynge and paiynge of the saied Subsidie.

Prouided alwaies that this subsidie graunted by your Clergie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice or college, situate or set within your vniuersitees of Oxforde or Cambridge, or of any benefice or other reuenues, vnto any college of Oxforde or Cambridge vnited appropried or appertenynge: or of your college of Eton nygh wyndesore: or of the college of wynchester, founded by William wikeham, sometime bishop of winchester, or of any other churche or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the saied colleges or to any of them annexed appropried, or otherwise appertenynge.

Prouided alwaies that no spirituall promotion, or any landes or reuenues annexed to the same, beynge charged by this graunt or act of the prouince of Canturburie, or any goodes or cattailes, growynge, beynge or renewynge of the same, and pertenynge to the owners of the saied spirituall promotions and landes, shall be charged or made contributorie to any .v.d. or other Subsidie already granted to your highnesse of the late fee, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the saied .ii. yeres.

Item we your graces said humble prelates and Clergie further grant that euery of your graces new erected bysshops deanes prebendaries petycanons, and preachers, shall be charged to this subsidie for their owne porcions onely thereof to paie .vi.s. of the pounde within the saied two yeres, as is aboue rehersed, of other bishops and spirituall persons, and those porcions of rentes and reuenues, whiche your highnesse hath geuen vnto them for the maintenance of poore men, grammarians, queresters studentes and other officers and ministers, not to bee charged with any part of this Subsidie.

Prouided also that euery person, vicar or other spirituall man, paiynge any pension, wherof none allowance is made in the valuacion of his saied benefice, shall and may retayne thre shillynges of euery pounde of euery suche pencion, euery yere durynge the saied two yeres, to his owne relefe, in consideracion that he is charged to paie this Subsidie of six shillynges of the pounde out of euery pounde of the hole value of his promocion.

And for the sure and true paiement of this Subsidie, graunted by your

pour saied prelates and clergie of the prouince of Canturbury, accordyng to the tenour purport effect and true meanyng of this present Instrument, pour saied oratours the prelates and the clergie most humbly desire and require pour hyghnesse, that this their saied gyfte graunt and Subsidie, and euery matter summe of money clause and sentence in this Instrument conteyned, concernyng the saied Subsidie, maie be ratified established & confirmed by auctoritee of pour hyghe court of parliament.

And for the sure and true paiement of the saied Subsidie, graunted by the saied prelates and Clergie of the saied prouince of Canturburie, accordyng to the tenour effect and true meanyng of the saied Instrument, Be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that the saied gyft and graunt, and euery matter summe of money clause and sentence in the saied instrument conteyned, be ratified established and confirmed by thauctoritee aforesaied.

And further moreouer be it enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that euery person that shall be appointed to the collection and gatherynge of the saied subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritee, to leuie take and perceiue the same subsidie, by authoritee of the Censures of the churche, or by distresse vpon the possession of the tenantes or owners of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by this act for or to the paiement of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise by the discretion of the collectours therof. And that no replenie prohibicion or supersedeas shall be allowed or obeied for any person or persones makyng default of paiement of the saied subsidie, contrary to the tenor of the graunt therof: vntill suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented all suche part and portion, as to them in that behalfe appertayned. And that euery suche fermour or fermours, that shall fortune hereafter to bee charged, to and with the paiement, or any part of the saied subsidie, shall by thauctoritee aforesaied, be allowed, and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely ferme and rent, as the summe whiche he shall forbeare to paie for his portion or portions, shall extende and amount vnto: any writyng couenaunt bonde or other thyng had or made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And for the leuyng of the saied Subsidie of fyue shillynges of the pounde, and for the yerely pensions, whiche any yerely or other person or persons, which hereafter shall haue ben religious, or canon for religious persones be or shall receiue of the tenor of Augmentacions, the chancellour of the same court, for the tyme beyng, shall yerely, vntyll the saied two yeres ended, at the feaste of the Annunciacion of our lady next ensuyng, and at the Exchequier, the Annunciacion of our ladie then next ensuyng, deteyne and retayne in his handes, portaule to be deteyned

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or retetned in the handes of other the officers and mynisters of the same court, to the kynges hie, for euery pounde of the same pencions .iii.s. And the same shall well and truely pais, or cause to be paied, into the saied court of the tenth and first fruites, or els where as the kynges highnes shall appoynt, before the first daie of August, without any charge to be made or sustayned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctorities aforesaied, that euery other person or personnes, whiche paie or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent pencion or pencions to any priest or other persone or personnes, which heretofore haue ben religiouse, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the paiement of the saied subsidie, that euery suche person or personnes, which do so paie, or hereafter shal paie any of the saied yerely rentes pencion or pencions, shall not onely, during the saied two yeres, retayne in his handes yerely to the kynges hie, for euery pounde of the same yerely rentes pencion or pencions .iii.s. and the same well and truely paie or cause to be paied yerely, during the same two yeres, vnto the ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the collectours of the said Subsidie there to the kynges hie, but also shall yerely during the same two yeres, before the first daie of Maie certifie vnder his or their seale or seales, vnto the said court of the tenth and first fruites, or els where it shal pleale the kynges highnes to appoint the names & surnames of al and singular suche priestes or other persons religious or heretofore taken for religious persons, as is aforesaied, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they or any of them he entitled to haue or receiue yerely, as is aforesaied.

And that the chauncellour for the tyme being of the kynges court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, shall likewise yerely, during the saied two yeres, before the first daie of Maie certifie vnder the seale of the same court, not onely the names and surnames of al and singular priestes and other persones chargeable for the saied seueral rentes and yerely pencions to the paiement of the saied subsidie in the saied court of the tenth and first fruites, or els where it shall pleale the kynges maiestie to appoint, but also the true and iust yerely summe and summes of the same yerely rentes or pencions, with the names and surnames of the persones chargeable to the paiement thereof.

And that the archebishoppe and bishoppe of euery diocese within the saied province of Caunterbury, shall yerely, during the saied two yeres, before the first daie of August, certifie vnder his seale, in the saied court of the tenth and first fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges highnesse, the names and surnames of all and singular suche priestes, dwelling within any of their dioces, chargeable for the saied paiement of the saied subsidie, as is aforesaied. And also the names and surnames of euery such the person and persones, with whom he or they doo shall take any stipend or wages within the dioces

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that euery suche persone or persones, which within the saied two yeres, shall geue and pate any stipende or wages to any suche preist (as is aforesaied) shall for the insufficiency or default of euery of the same preist or prieste beeyng in seruice or wages with him, at the saied first date of Wate be charged and chargeable to and with the patement of .vi.s. viii.d. for the same yere.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the saied archebishop bisshoppes and all other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the saied Subsidie of .vi.s. the pounde, within the saied prouince of Caunturburie, shall haue vpon euery patement thereof made in the kynges court of the tenth and fyrst fruites, or els where the kynges maiestee shall appoynt, a sufficient Acquitaunce in writyng of suche person or persons as the kynges maiestee shall appoynt for the receipt thereof, the same Acquietaunce witnessyng the same receipt of as muche of the same summe of the same subsidy, as shall bee by any of theim so receiued. And euery suche Acquietaunce in writyng, sealed and subscribed with the name or names of euery suche persone or persones, that so by the kynges appoyntment shall receiue any of the saied summes of money, shall be as good and effectuall in the law and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by act of parliament. And that euery person and persones, whiche shall haue and receiue any such Acquietance, shall pate but onely two pence for euery of the same acquietance.

Be it also enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that al and euery grant and grauntes of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shall be graunted to the kynges hyghnesse by the clergie of the prouince of Yorke, shal be of the same strength force and effect in all thynges, as the said graunt made by the saied prouince of Canturbury: And shall be taxed certified collected leuied and gathered, accordyng to the tenour forme and effect of this present act of parliament, to al intentes constructions and purposes, in such maner as though it were specially playnly and particularly expressed and rehersed in this present act by expressed wordes termes and sentences in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwaie and bee it enacted by auctoritee aforesaied, that euery lay person, hauyng any spirituall promotion chargeable by this act, and also hauyng temporal possessions goodes cattalles and debtes, chargeable to the subsidie, graunted by the temporaltee, shalbe charged taxed and set for his said spirituall promotion with the clergie: And for his temporall possessions goodes and cattalles with the temporaltee, and not otherwise.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted by thauctorites aboue saied, that al suche as haue ben religious persons and other hauyng any pencion by reason of any dissolution of any late monasterie college or hospitalles, or

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other corporacions within the prouince of Canturbury and Yorke or
any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourty shillynges or vnder, and
not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to the said subsidie or any
part therof for any suche penalties of .xl. s. or vnder: Any thyng conteyned in this act or in any the said instrumentes or any of theim, to the contrary not withstandyng.

God saue the kynge.



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